

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

Advisor Damania called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A two-thirds quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Senator Graves, Senator Herndon, Student-at-Large Ruezga, and Student-at-Large O'Neal, Student-at-Large Post, and Advisor Damania

The following members were absent: (none)

The following members were excused: (none)

2/3 quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was held.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Student-at-Large Ruezga to adopt the agenda for Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. There were no minutes to be considered at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

The Chair may elect to take public comment on any action items on this agenda and may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

- a. There were no comments made by the public.

6. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

The Chair shall recognize any officer of the Committee, including the BCSGA Advisor, to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements deemed necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: Thank you all for being here. As you know, we have convened today to talk about the elections, and how exciting this process is going to be for the upcoming semester. This is probably one of the most important committees to ensure the betterment of our future, and especially with the Student Government Association. Your time commitment and dedication to this commission is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to the things we can come up with for this next year. I do have to preface out the main component. If you are planning on running for elections next semester, or plan on helping a candidate for elections, please declare yourself now. (No response— Senator Graves questioned about persons who are undecided in whether or not to run for a position. Advisor Damania responded in saying that the person needs to withdraw immediately, before interviews start, and find a replacement should they decide to run.) It also means that you cannot be partial to any candidate. You cannot guide one candidate more than another candidate. You cannot accidentally post flyers on another candidate’s poster, or anything in that matter. So no playing favorites.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Items listed in this agenda item have already been read or discussed once and thus are considered for approval of the committee

- a. There were no items to be considered under old business at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review and suggestive changes for [BCSGA Elections Code](#) Title VII

Discussion: It was discussed that all have read COBRA before meeting today. The commission went over the COBRA and read Title VII. (COBRA are the bylaws of the association, and there are two chapters in Title VII talking about the commission.) The review consisted of knowing what the goal, duties, composition, the open positions within the commission, the meetings, and the establishment of the elections commission are. Additionally, the process of holding the elections, the candidate information, the debates, election timeframe, the filing form, candidate packets, petitions, withdrawal, and mandatory meetings. Finally, section 17 was stressed the most as it states the different codes of

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what candidates are not allowed to do. Questions were posed as to what resources are available for the candidates, where postings are or aren't allowed, how the commission regulates or keep records of each candidate's materials, and how charges work. The donations and expenditure limit was set, and the commission talked about changes made since last year, as well as what kind of temporary rules can be set.

- b. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Herndon to approve ACTION ITEM: Approval of the following items to establish the 2016 BCSGA Elections
Discussion: The commission discussed the difference between monetary and material donations, and what the limitations are set or how the donations are regulated.
The members voted as follows:
Senator Graves- Yes
Senator Herndon- Yes
Student-at-Large O'Neal- Yes
Student-at-Large Post- Yes
Student-at-Large Ruezga- Yes
The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 5-0-0.
- i. It was moved by Student-at-Large Post and seconded by Senator Herndon to approve [BCSGA Elections Candidate Packet](#), with TBA on candidate meeting times to be set.
Discussion: It was discussed that even if someone indicates a small interest, then they should be given a packet. There is an elections budget form. Anything bought is 100% cost. Anything donated is 50% cost. All receipts must be attached, or the current market value will be used. There is also a donation form that must be filled out if anyone makes a donation to a candidate.
The members voted as follows:
Senator Graves- Yes
Senator Herndon- Yes
Student-at-Large O'Neal- Yes
Student-at-Large Post- Yes
Student-at-Large Ruezga- Yes
The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 5-0-0.
- ii. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator-at-Large Ruezga to approve [BCSGA Elections Candidates Meeting PowerPoint](#).
Discussion: It was discussed that any candidates who have a clarifying question, then the only person who can clarify the question is Advisor Damania. But if Advisor Damania makes a decision, then at least three members have to petition for the advisor to call a meeting of the elections commission to see if it can be overturned/discussed. The commission went over the information provided in the other discussions as well. There are four days of elections, but the voting booths will be only placed from 9 am to 3 p.m. Votes will all be done electronically. There are also mandated elected officer trainings. May 6th is the first official conduction into office. There is also not a break during the summer, and officers must be available on campus during the summer.
The members voted as follows:
Senator Graves- Yes
Senator Herndon- Yes
Student-at-Large O'Neal- Yes
Student-at-Large Post- Yes
Student-at-Large Ruezga- Yes
The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 5-0-0.
- iii. It was moved by Student-at-Large Ruezga and seconded by Senator Herndon to approve [BCSGA Elections Filling Form](#).
Discussion: When the candidate fills out their application, there will already be a screening done to see if they are eligible to run. The student must have completed 12 units, enrolled in 6 units, have a 2.0 GPA, and be in good standing with the institution. **This portion was not clarified in the packet/form, and was noted to be added** If they are a first year freshman and do not have a BC GPA, then they must have a 3.0 GPA or higher from high school and provide a transcript. If the candidate is an incumbent candidate, and wish to run for an elected position next year, then they need to have passed all their classes with a "C" or

better. Additionally, they can only declare to run for one position. Filing opens February 1st. They must attend one of the 12 set meetings, otherwise the candidate must meet with one of the commissioners one-on-one. **It was noted to change the start time to place campaigning materials to 8 a.m. and not 8 p.m. **

The members voted as follows:

Senator Graves- Yes

Senator Herndon- Yes

Student-at-Large O'Neal- Yes

Student-at-Large Post- Yes

Student-at-Large Ruezga- Yes

The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 5-0-0.

- iv. It was moved by Student-at-Large Post and seconded by Senator Herndon to approve

[BCSGA Elections Website](#).

Discussion: The mandatory meeting dates have been tentatively set, but there are filing dates already listed. There is also no campaigning whatsoever until the filing time has been finished. Candidates can start preparing materials, but they cannot be riling up any support.

The members voted as follows:

Senator Graves- Yes

Senator Herndon- Yes

Student-at-Large O'Neal- Yes

Student-at-Large Post- Yes

Student-at-Large Ruezga- Yes

The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 5-0-0.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The Chair shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed three minutes.

- a. No further comments and announcements were made.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT*

The Chair may elect to take public comment on any action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak which is stated before comment commence.

- a. No further comments were made by the public.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Herndon to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Advisor Damania sought any objections to the motion. As there were no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.