

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## SENATE BODY

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Executive Board Room

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 6:11 p.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\*

The Senate conducted the pledge of allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL\*

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

**The following members were present:** Vice President Orozco, Senator Graves, Senator Chavez, Senator Zavala, Senator Herndon, Senator Nicholson, Senator Galvez, and Advisor Damania.

**The following members were absent:** Senator Roel

**The following members were excused:** Senator Sanchez

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

**\*\*It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Galvez to suspend the orders of the day to move to item 7a. Resignation Letter from Senator Roel.**

**Discussion: No further discussion occurred.**

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

### 7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

*The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee.*

a. The Senate received and acknowledged the resignation letter from Senator Victoria Roel.

**\*\* Senator Graves was excused from the meeting at 6:13 p.m.\*\***

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*The Senate will discuss this agenda and may choose to amend or edit the agenda. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Senate may choose to adopt the agenda.*

a. It was moved by Senator Chavez and seconded by Senator Herndon to amend the agenda by striking out “9:00-10:30 a.m.” and replace with “6:00-7:30 p.m.” for the meeting time indicated on the agenda.

**Discussion: No further discussion occurred.**

The motion carried by no objections.

b. It was moved by Senator Nicholson and seconded by Senator Herndon to amend the agenda by striking out under item 9b. “Senator Philley.” and replace with “Senator Graves”.

**Discussion: No further discussion occurred.**

The motion carried by no objections.

c. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Zavala to adopt the agenda as amended.

**Discussion: No further discussion occurred.**

The motion carried by no objections.

### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*The Senate will discuss those minutes and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Senate may choose to adopt the minutes.*

a. It was moved by Senator Nicholson and seconded by Senator Herndon to adopt the minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Discussion: No further discussion occurred.**

The motion carried by no objections.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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*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. Office of Student Life: A few housekeeping items for all officers to adhere to ensure that we create an open, but professional atmosphere in the office. All officers need to conduct themselves in a professional manner, avoid inappropriate conversations, mind the noise level, follow all regulations/procedures for the pantry/bread service, not use the office for other purposes, not inappropriately use the BCSGA carts, to have any guests in the BCSGA office sign in, avoid inappropriate behavior or “inventions”, and to engage one another respectfully, tactfully, and with the mindset to help one another.

## 7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

*The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee.*

- a. Resignation Letter from Senator Roel
- b. BCSGA Committee Changes

*The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.*

- 1) It was moved by Senator Nicholson to be moved to the Committee on Legislative Affairs.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
The motion carried by no objections.
- 2) It was moved by Vice President Orozco to be the interim chair for the Committee on Academic Affairs.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
The motion carried by no objections.
- 3) Elections Committee appointment
  - a. Senator Herndon and Senator Graves moved to be appointed to the Elections Committee.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
The motion carried by no objections.

## 8. REPORTS OF BCSGA OFFICERS

*The Chair shall recognize any officer of the Association, 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. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: All have been doing a really awesome job! Please email me back to do senator meetings with you. Most did do their senator reports, but this will need to be done for every senate meeting and it has to be typed up.
- b. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: There were a lot of notes from the Office of Student Life. So if there is anything we can improve as well, please let us know. The carts have been abused in their authority, and I know that the student staff is hounding a lot, but do know that they are getting a directive from me. As such, if you have any orders or requests given from my staff, please take it as being given from me. Treat them courteously. The Elections Commission met for the first time, and we will be updating the elections packet. On January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> is the BCSGA/ASI Retreat at Ridgecrest. We will be bring a couple of people from the district to talk about board policies, do a strength finder, and talk about student advocacy.

## 9. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES\*

*The Chair shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.*

- a. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs, *Senator Roel*: none
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: none
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: none
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: We met last night, talked about having our first meeting at the Delano campus. We will be editing COBRA about branding and logos, the elections commission, and more COBRA.

## 10. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

*The Chair shall recognize in turn BCSGA Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed three minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes. Health, or other matters permissible under BROWNACT during consideration of this item. Under BROWNACT, the meeting may not be closed.*

- a. Senator Galvez: A student raised the concern that there is a lack of seats out in the lawn area. There are areas where more rocks or seats could be added. It was brought up to the Committee on Advancement by doing the “BC Beautification” where each club decorates and maintains their own kind of seating. The problem is that it is an M&O concern, and the clubs would also have to fundraise in order to do that. But if seating cannot be done, then there could be flower patches planted around the campus? (It was recommended to talk to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, but to also go

see the Facilities Committee. It would be a process that is similar to doing a CCA grant in order to run a grant through the committees, which gets the buy-in of them to make sure that everything gets approved.)

**\*\*Senator Chavez was excused at 6:41 p.m. Quorum was no longer established, such that only official business discussion could occur\*\***

- b. Senator Herndon: A student brought up the concern about the smoking policy and if it was going to be upheld and whatnot. (It was recommended to bring the issue to the attention of President Fowler as he is a part of the non-smoking committee.)
- c. Senator Nicholson: There is still the 24 hour study room pursuit... There was a concern from a student about the health fees, and we are not sure if it is required or an insurance policy. If it is not required, then is there a process to have it removed? (It was advised that it is part of Ed Code, and in order to get a refund then the student needs to talk to Stella in the Health Center.) I also thought that there should be a "bus fee" similar to the other student fees in order to get the bus passes, and this will be brought to the Committee on Advancement. There should also be an initiative for healthy living/healthy lifestyle/sustainable energy and it can be done first through educational pamphlets. I was visiting UCLA, and it would be nice to see political parties for BCSGA and those who are running for office.
- d. Senator Zavala: I am making contact with the new dean of the STEM department, and have already arranged a meeting with them. Also I have heard the clubs have been having difficulty receiving scholarships that they previously won. (It was advised to have those clubs reach out to Dr. Damania.)
- e. Senator Chavez: I have the interest into having a new hydration station. Also, I am interested in starting new ways or methods to promote safe sex.

#### 11. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

*The Chair shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.*

- a. S.R. ##: **THE RENEWAL OF THE NO COST PARKING SPACE**

**Discussion:** The Senate conducted an aloud first reading as a group. It was discussed that the free parking had been taken away because there was not enough money to keep up with the free parking, to renovate potholes, and more. It was advised to attend the Program Review and Facilities Committee to find out more about how the budget is being used, where the money could be used from in order to get the free parking, and to provide more basis/evidence/substantiation to the legislation. The resolution needs to be written so that it is taken seriously with actual support.

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- a. No further comments or announcements were made.

#### 13. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adjourning the meeting.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections to the main motion, the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Orozco at 7:05 p.m.