

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

5, December, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

Meeting was called to order by President Dominguez at 9:19 a.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 as follows: President Dominguez, Vice President Moran, Secretary Rodriguez, Director Kim, Director Czar, Parliamentarian Dobrene, Director Autwell, Dr. Damania, Senator Fowler, Senator Nicholson, Senator Talaei, Senator Campos, Senator Czar, and Senator Lonsinger

The following members were absent as follows: Director Goree, Senator Bahashwan, Senator Forouzanfar, Senator Adjei, Senator Burrell, and Senator Valle.

The following members were excused as follows: Senator Post

2/3 Quorum was established, thus a bonafide meeting was able to be held.

*Please see attached roll call sheet for verification of attendance.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The Senate considered the approval of the minutes of **21, November 2014**. Motion made by Senator Nicholson and seconded by Director Czar.

The Senate discussed the minutes of 21, November 2014.

Discussion:

The following amendments or edits are to be made: none.

The Senate approved the minutes of 21, November 2014, by majority vote with the voting as follows: 12-0-0.

5. 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 public comment was made.

6. 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. President Dominguez read and acknowledged the receipt of notice of withdrawal from Senate office from Senator Valle:

”President Alex Dominguez,

Please accept this message as a notification that I am leaving my position as Senator of SGA, effective December 2nd, 2014. I appreciate the opportunities I have been given in SGA, and this wasn't an easy decision, but I wanted to give someone else the opportunity to represent SGA, the students, and campus more than what I have been personally doing. I cannot give the association the attention it requires and I am sure that someone else can fill the spot better than I. I wish you, and everyone on the team, an amazing remainder of the semester and academic year.

-Diana Valle, Senator of Community at Large/Delano 3”

7. REPORTS OF SGA OFFICERS

The Chair shall recognize any officer of the Association, including the SGA 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. President of the Association, Alex Dominguez: Met with the congressman and talked about Commitment to Kern. His response is that it is one of the most interesting items he has seen to come out of a community college, since it's rare for a community college to actually try and be a part of the community. So good job to the SGA for receiving recognition from a U.S. congressman.

Notes:

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- b. Vice President of the Association, Jimmy Moran: Best wishes to all for this upcoming finals week.
- c. Secretary-Historian, Paulette Rodriguez: No report.
- d. Director of Finance, Aeri Kim: No report.
- e. Director of Legislative Affairs, Simoneel Czar: Good luck to all on finals!
- f. Parliamentarian, Alex Dobrenen: No report
- g. Director of Activities, Trina Goree (absent)
- h. Director of Clubs & Organizations, Reginald Autwell: Welcome week is being prepared again for next semester, so to all: please send me times you are available to help out in a booth. I also spoke with the person in charge of Habits of Mind, and have printouts that can be passed out. Regarding KVC stickers, there is much needed advertisement for it, so we need to go out and just talk to students about various discounts from the KVC card, as well as what it really does.
- i. SGA Advisor, Nicky Damania, Ph.D: Please help out with Peanut Butter-Jelly Time, and there will also be a banana costume if you would like to help. The office will be open until the 19th this month, and then closed for 2 weeks. The office will reopen on the 5th of January. But all senators attending the trip need to come in this upcoming week to sign paperwork.

8. 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 Finance, Director Kim: None.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Legislative Affairs, Director Czar: None.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Student Activities, Director Goree (absent)
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Student Organizations, Director Autwell: None.
- e. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, VP Moran: None.
- f. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Elections, Director Autwell: Everyone has received a packet containing the elections process, which will need to be looked over.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The Chair shall recognize in turn SGA 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.

- a. Senator Fowler: M&O Meeting Notes- The status for trying to get filtered water on campus, per Director Kim's suggestion, is that it will actually need to come from SGA funding. The wheelchair access dilemma in the STEM building is currently being looked into. Notes from last meeting, the campus will be undergoing a hard shutdown from December 23rd through January 4th, which means none of the buildings will be running heat or electricity. The last two buildings being worked on will be moved onto the new water line, and after that there will be no more trenching. Through the next month and a half, the trenching should be completed. The practice football field will have more lighting installed. A campus safety upgrade and outdoor notification system is going to be added. For example, on top of the PAC building, there are bells being played from a large speaker system. But this will be used to alert of any issue or threat. All doors will be placed locks, so that the main buildings will lock, and then a few seconds later, the classroom doors will lock. It is a panic lock, so you can exit but cannot enter. All broken chairs in the SE building will be replaced, and these broken chairs will be recycled to fix more chair. Track will be repaired with lane 9, the runway, restriping, and spot fixing, which will be done by January 15th (started December 15th). The path of travel for all handicapped person will be started and way-finding will soon be implemented. The way-finding will not only provide a campus map, but can be scanned onto a phone so that you can personally navigate. M&O personally requested for all of SGA to be on the lookout for any safety concerns, and to report it to them immediately. For example, a student slipped in the mud from the rain the other day. Students also did not take the bomb threat seriously, so do urge students to take the emergency notifications seriously.
- b. Senator Nicholson: An issue for M&O that you also need to take back is the lack of coordination of traffic for when the bomb threat occurred. I brought a constituent concern to the Academic Senate Committee, and also attended their meeting. The issue was trying to register for classes, and that certain classes get so full that there is not any room on the waitlist either. So I received some advice on how to rally behind getting more classes, and how to lobby properly, such that this is brought up to General Assembly, SSCCC, and up to Sacramento. A solution for either more funding or something else needs to be implemented. Holding a work shop on this may be beneficial.
- c. Senator Lonsinger: An email from John Carpenter, who is co-chair of the Curriculum Committee, states that the college is moving forward in the process for the approval to offer a baccalaureate of

applied science degree, or a BAS. There is endorsement for it, but it is not official yet. There is a competitive bid for this. However, it is unsure as to what the timeline for this is.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction. The Senate shall consider the following nominations to fast-track into Association office.

- a. There were no motions to fast-track appointments.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND OFFICIALS

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination. The Senate will consider the names nominated to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional Competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under BROWNACT during consideration of this item. Under BROWNACT, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. President Dominguez conducted the swearing in of Kyle Mann, for the position of Senator for Career and Technical Education 1.
- b. President Dominguez conducted the swearing in of Victoria Roel, for the position of Senator for Community at Large/Delano 2.
- c. Vice President Moran moved to reopen Maximus Sallam's position of Senator for Community at Large/Delano 4.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Senate of the Association may elect association officers at this time.

- a. There were no election of officers

13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the SGA President if they are returned by the President with objections.

- a. There were no veto messages at this time.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been reviewed by the Senate on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

- a. No items have been filed for the consent agenda for this meeting.

15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. Vice President Moran moved to open the motion to read S.B. ##: Creation of the Bakersfield College SGA Elections Commission, and it was seconded by Director Autwell.
Discussion: This needs to be discussed at a later date due to having received the documents the same morning.
- b. Vice President Moran moved to open the motion to read S.B. ##: Creation of the Bakersfield College SGA Elections Code, and it was seconded by Director Autwell.
Discussion: This needs to be discussed at a later date due to having received the documents the same morning as well.

16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A Senator may move that legislation under this agenda item be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a 24-hour notice has been given to the Chair. The motion shall be decided without debate, and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

- a. There are no items for fast track legislation

17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

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

- a. No Referrals to Committee

18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

Legislation listed in this agenda item has already been read once on the Senate floor or the approved fast-track from agenda item 16 and thus are considered for approval of the Senate

- a. S.B. 1: Creation of the Committee on Veterans Affairs
 - i. It was moved by Director Autwell and seconded by Senator Fowler to open the motion to adopt.
Discussion: Concern for who is going to chair this committee as it needs to be designated at this time if we are to approve it. But the legislation has the necessary edits.
The voting was as follows: 12-0-0. The legislation passed by majority vote.

*See roll call sheet for verification.

It was moved by Secretary Rodriguez and seconded by Director Czar to suspend the rule for having a chair designated at this time. The motion passed by majority consensus

- b. S.B. 2: Government Accountability Act:
 - i. It was moved by Director Autwell and seconded by Director Ki to open the motion to adopt.
Discussion: This has been in the making for a long time, but it was felt that this legislation would be necessary to prove more of a transparency for this organization.
The voting was as follows: 12-0-0. The legislation passed by majority vote.
*See attached roll call sheet for verification.
- c. S.B. 3: Fiscal Responsibility Act
 - i. It was moved by Director Autwell and seconded by Senator Fowler to open the motion to adopt.
Discussion: There needs to be an edit made stating at the very end that “in the event that the Finance Director is absent, or their schedule conflicts, then he/she may designate a representative to stand in their place.
It was moved by Senator Nicholson and seconded by Vice President Moran to amend the legislation by adding “ In the event that the Director in unable to attend the monthly townhall meeting, he/she ay designate a representative to stand in his/her place.” The motion passed by majority vote.
Main motion: Vice President Moran moved to adopt S.B. 3 Fiscal Responsibility Act with the newly added amendments, and it was seconded by Director Autwell
The voting was as follows: 10-0-2. The legislation passed by majority vote.
*See roll call sheet for verification.
- d. S.B. 4: Legislative Accountability Act
 - i. It was moved by Secretary Rodriguez and seconded by Director Autwell to insert at the end of this legislation stating that “In the event that the Director in unable to attend the monthly townhall meeting, he/she may designate a representative to stand in his/her place.” The motion passed by majority vote.
Main motion: Vice President Moran moved to adopt S.B. 4: Legislative Accountability Act with the newly added amendments, and it was seconded by Director Autwell.
The voting was as follows: 10-0-2. The legislation passed by majority vote.
*See roll call sheet for verification.

19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on committees not meeting for a very long time. This needs to be changed for next semester, and a reminder that Senators who are signed up for a committee need to attend. But unavailability to attend needs to be changed by Senators voting themselves off the committee as it is affecting quorum.
- b. Discussion on the remainder of S.R.1 being passed, and the point of having this is to also help out sister colleges. There will be a Kern County Water Drive next Saturday, and this will be held here as well as in Delano. It if from 8-2 pm.
- c. Discussion on region V update. President Dominguez was chosen to be the vice chair at the meeting. He also spoke with the Young Democrats President from Porterville College, and is currently working to create a veterans bill for them. This also includes a water bill which will be pushed region wide and to SSCCC.
- d. Discussion on new members who will be swearing in at the next College District meeting.
- e. Discussion on Director Autwell visiting the Delano campus. But it has become truly apparent that there is no insignia indication that the SGA office is for SGA. They also need a shelf as well.
- f. Discussion on update of the details about the SGA Retreat. There are senators who are signed up for it but have not been present at meetings or in the office.

20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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

Director Autwell: I am handing out flyers for Club Week for Spring 2015. So please take some and spread the word about it.

Vice President Moran: I.S.O. is having a pizza party next Thursday from 12-2 pm and all are welcome to attend.

21. 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.

No public comment to be made.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Director Kim moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Senator Lonsinger. President Dominguez adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.