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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Regular Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Bakersfield College**

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**9:15a.m. – 12:00p.m.**

**Location: Executive Board Room**

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**I. Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m., by Vice President Edwin Borbon.

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Roll Call**

**Present:** Shelby Sward, Edwin Borbon, Erin Robinson, Nathan Mayer, Daniela Miramontes, Eric Beadle, Shelby Fallas, Daniela Garcia, Jose Perez, Victoria Kovacevich, Aeri Kim, and Sub-Advisor JoAnn Acosta

**Absent:** Trina Goree

**IV. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by Nathan Mayer and seconded by Jose Perez to adopt the agenda.**

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by Nathan Mayer and seconded by Daniela Miramontes to approve the minutes.**

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

**VI. Recognition of Guests**

• **Marcus Duarte Smith:**

- Purposed that SGA assist in supporting two initiatives, one will promote scholarships, and the other is to assist in granting the top first generation students with application fees.

• **David Vaughn – Senator Prospect for 2013-2014**

- **Attended the meeting for observation purposes**

• **Aaron Phillips and Juan Salvador**

- A accompanied with other communication classmates to are in attendance to assist the SGA in making Spring Fling better than the previous years.
- **Arrmund Neal (Pre-med)**
  - Dodge ball tournament/ Fundraiser for JDRF

**VII. Additions to the Agenda**

**Moved by Erin Robinson and seconded by Shelby Sward to add under New Business, 2. Special Orders, item d. Motion for the SGA to support the Financial Literacy Workshop hosted by Marquis Jones, March 11, 2014.**

**Discussion:** -None

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

**Moved by Shelby Sward and seconded by Daniela Miramontes to take a stance on the GPA requirements for candidates for both the Executive Board and the Senate.**

**Discussion:** -None

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

**VIII. Reports**

**1. Acting President**

Shelby Sward

- Worked on the Blood Drive
- Talked with aspiring Candidates
- Answered emails
- Attended meetings

**2. Vice President**

Edwin Borbon

- Attended Curriculum Committee Meeting
- Worked on SGA election stickers
- Worked on getting new polo

**3. Secretary**

Erin Robinson

- No report
- Announced the Women's History Month events and asked for SGA participation

**4. General Counsel**

Nathan Mayer

- Worked on elections
  - Seven (7)/ Eight (8) people have turned in their elections packet, so far
  - There are at least one person running for each E-Board position
  - Will be leaving early for an candidates meeting in Delano for 11:00 a.m.
  - Received suggestions from Admin in regards to the Constitution

- Will need volunteers for the poll both the days of elections which will be March 10-13, 2014

**5. Activities Liaison**

Daniela Miramontes

- The clubs have voted on the theme for Spring Fling which will be Disney Pixar

**6. Senator 01**

Eric Beadle

- No report

**7. Senator 02**

Trina Goree

- Absent

**8. Senator 08**

Shelby Fallas

- Worked in the Pantry

**9. Senator 11**

Daniela Garcia

- Worked in the Pantry
- Needs to be appointed to another committee because she cannot attend the Communication Committee due to time conflict

**10. Senator 13**

Jose Perez

- No report

**11. Senator 16**

Victoria Kovacevich

- Worked in the Pantry
- Needs to be appointed to another committee because she cannot attend the Communication Committee due to time conflict

**12. Senator 17**

Aeri Kim

- No report

**13. Sub-Advisor**

JoAnn Acosta

- No report

**IX. Unfinished Business**

-None

**X. New Business**

**1. Expenditures**

- a. **Moved by Nathan Mayer and seconded by Eric Beadle for the allocation of funds not to exceed \$1,000.00, paid out of TA100, for the purchase of food for participants of the Cesar Chavez Houchin Blood Drive.**

**Discussion:**

**Shelby Sward:** It basically reads the funds or for food to attract people to donate for both days, and it will also help donors to become eligible if they have low iron for example.

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

- b. **Moved by Nathan Mayer and seconded by Jose Perez for the allocation of funds not to exceed \$60.00 for A Sign Factory for the incentive discount cards, paid out of TA100.**

**Discussion:**

**Edwin Borbon:** The motion was passed by the E-Board and already purchased, so that students can receive the cards when they get their student discount card. So the motion needs to be passed at this time because it is for the students.

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

- c. **Moved by Nathan Mayer and seconded by Eric Beadle for the allocation of funds not to exceed \$250.00 for the scantrons promised to students who purchase the incentive discount card, paid out of TA100.**

**Discussion:**

**Shelby Sward:** The scantrons have already been purchased because the students needed them before now.

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

- d. **Moved by Nathan Mayer and seconded by Shelby Fallas for the allocation of funds not to exceed \$60.00 for the renewal of the SGA Costco card, paid out of TA100/vendor account.**

**Discussion:**

**Shelby Sward:** The card is to purchase food for the Pantry and for any other events.

Motion passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

- e. **Moved by Nathan Mayer and seconded by Erin Robinson for the allocation of funds not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Spring Fling, paid out of TA100.**

**Discussion:** -None

**Amended by Shelby Sward and seconded by Erin Robinson to strike \$10,000.00 and insert \$6,000.00.**

**Discussion:**

**Nathan Mayer:** The approved amount is \$6,000.00 I don't know why the amount on the motion reads \$10,000.00

**Daniela Miramontes:** I put \$10,000.00 to see if it was possible. But the funds are less than Homecoming, so we might have to condense Spring Fling into one to two days.

**Eric Beadle:** I think that condensing Spring Fling would be fair to students.

Amendment passed by general consent, 9-0-0.

**Main Motion: Allocation of funds not to exceed \$6,000.00 for Spring Fling, paid out of TA100.**

**Discussion:**

**JoAnn Acosta:** As a suggestion, why wouldn't you all leave the motion at \$10,000.00 in case you all have the funds to spend \$10,000.00, because the motion read allocation of funds not to exceed being the key word.

**Moved by Shelby Sward and seconded by Erin Robinson to postpone the item until March 14, 2014.**

Motion passed by general consent, 7-0-1.

- f. **Moved by Jose Perez and seconded by Eric Beadle for the allocation of funds not to exceed \$500.00 for club participants in the Cesar Chavez Houchin Blood Drive, paid out of TA100.**

**Discussion:**

**Shelby Sward:** We want to incentivize students and increase the turn out for our events. The top three clubs that have the most people donate under their name, if they are a member of the club or not, will receive cash prizes.

Motion passed by general consent, 8-0-0.

## 2. Special Orders

- a. **Moved Eric Beadle and seconded by Shelby Sward to appoint Nathan Mayer to the President's Scholar/Reentry Standing Ad Hoc.**

**Discussion:**

**Erin Robinson:** The positions have already filled.

Motion failed by general consent, 0-8-0.

- b. **Moved by Erin Robinson and seconded by Aeri Kim to approve the Humanitarian Club as an official club.**

**Discussion:**

**Daniela Miramontes:** The club has still yet to make corrections to their constitution, so in other words the clubs constitution isn't complete.

Motion passed by general consent, 8-0-0.

- c. **Moved by Erin Robinson and seconded by Shelby Fallas to approve the constitution of the Bakersfield College International Student Association.**

**Discussion:**

**Shelby Sward:** We already have the Association as a program; however, the Association wants to become a club so that they can have the benefits of clubs on campus.

Motion passed by general consent, 8-0-0.

- d. **Moved by Erin Robinson and seconded by Daniela Miramontes for the SGA support the Financial Literacy Workshop hosted by Marquis Jones, March 11, 2014.**

**Discussion:**

**Erin Robinson:** The workshop is so that Marquis can meet the requirements for a scholarship that he is applying for and all students that attend will be eligible to receive the scholarship as well. It will be here on campus in the Levinson Hall.

Motion passed by general consent, 8-0-0.

- e. **Moved by Shelby Sward and seconded by Aeri Kim to take a stance on the GPA requirements for candidates for both Executive Board and the Senate.**

**Discussion:**

**Shelby Sward:** The District has a policy that any student involved any extracurricular activities on campus have a minimum GPA requirement of a 2.0, but it has come to my attention that administration wants to bump the GPA requirement up. I don't have an issue with that it is just that it didn't come before the Senate, but at this point with low participation in the elections we aren't in the position to turn people away based on a .25 GPA difference, as long as they are in accordance with district policy.

**Shelby Fallas:** What is the GPA requirement now?

**Shelby Sward:** The requirement is at 2.0, but I think that administration is wanting to raise the Senator GPA requirement to 2.5 or 2.75, and the Executive Board to 2.75 or 3.0 which isn't reflected in the elections packet and isn't fair to students because we have already turned away a student that was .25 points in regards to her GPA short from running.

**Daniela Miramontes:** The reason we thought that was kinds silly because all students involved in extracurricular activities on campus have to have a 2.0 to participate. My personal story as an athlete I had to have a 2.0 to participate and I spent more time as an athlete than a student, and sometimes students have a bad semester or get a low grade in a class that is high in units.

**Erin Robinson:** I agree with Daniela as far as sometimes people have a not so good semester, and I also agree with Shelby that raising the requirements and turning away students when we have a low participation for the elections will create a lot of vacancies and put SGA back at appointing students when that was what we are trying to steering away from.

**Shelby Fallas:** Again the issue I hear is students that really want to run are being turned away who are barely missing the suggested raise in the GPA requirement by a few points.

**Erin Robinson:** In the past and now most members that didn't pan out didn't have the issue with intellect or the issue with doing their job. A higher GPA doesn't mean that you are smarter than the next person and more capable of doing the job better than the next person either.

**Aeri Kim:** I agree with everything Erin said, but I don't think that we shouldn't raise it to avoid vacancies. However, based on what Daniela said to be an athlete is more demanding so the requirement should be lower for athletes. I'm for raising the GPA, but maybe not as so high.

**Shelby Sward:** If I were able to vote I would vote to have the GPA requirement raised, but also keep in mind that students who are involvement on campus increase their GPA as well. You never know if being involved may encourage those students to raise their GPAs.

**Shelby Fallas:** So what are we going to do if we decide to raise the GPA requirement now? We are going to have contact all those students that no longer meet the requirements and risk losing more candidates.

**Moved by Erin Robinson and seconded by Daniela Miramontes to keep the GPA requirement the same to be involved in the SGA.**

**Discussion:**

**Aeri Kim:** If it statistically states that being involved on campus can potentially raise a student's GPA then why is the requirement not a 1.0 GPA?

**Shelby Sward:** I have been disappointed in the overall participation in drawing up the constitution. It has rather been Nathan and Elizabeth that are more involved in the creation of it.

**Moved by Erin Robison and seconded by Shelby Sward to call the question.**

Motion passed by general consent, 8-0-0.

**Main Motion:** Motion to keep the GPA requirement the same to be involved in the SGA.

**Motion passed by general consent, 5-1-2.**

## **XI. Participatory Governance Committee Reports**

### **1. Curriculum Committee**

Edwin Borbon

- The Committee have plans to lower the number of units for particular classes which will mean less time in the classroom and more homework

### **2. President's Scholars**

**Erin Robinson:**

- Haven't met

## **XII. SGA Committee Reports**

### **1. Activities Board**

**Daniela Miramontes**

- Next meeting will be next Friday at 10:00 a.m.

### **2. Communications Committee**

**Shelby Fallas**

- We met and we discussed publicity for the SGA and events

## **XIII. SGA Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

### **1. Elections Committee**

**Shelby Fallas**

- The committee have decided to host candidate debates for the E-Board positions that are being contested the week of elections in the quad in the campus center

## **XIV. Announcements/Discussion**

### **a. Discuss Habits of Mind permanent stamp:**

**Shelby Sward:** There were never a motion, but some of us have decided to allow certain initiatives on campus to have permanent stamp when it comes to posting flyers, so the language in the publicity code will be altered to reflect that. Is there any opposition in regards to that? Basically the flyers and postings wont expire.

### **b. Discuss Jane Goodall:**

**Edwin Borbon:** The Anthropology department have coordinated a Book release party for Jane Goodall. And the department would like for SGA to volunteer in helping to facilitate the event. Jane Goodall will be signing books and speaking with individuals. The department also wanted to know would it be possible for us to do a showing of her documentaries, but I'm not sure about the conflict in regards to any copy right issues. The event will be Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

### **c. Career Day 2014:**

**Edwin Borbon:** Ms. Coffee wants to know would we be interested in co-sponsoring Career Day 2014 the spring semester. But because of our budget I'm not sure if we would have enough funds.

**Daniela Miramontes:** I think that it would be best to postpone the item until we know how much funds we actually have.

### **d. Purchase of SGA Polo Shirts:**

**Shelby Sward:** Believes that it is too late and a waste of money to purchase shirts this late in the semester because we are going to have new elected SGA members in a matter of weeks. I think that it is best to save the money for something else.



**Shelby Fallas:** Believes that issue is not a big deal being that everyone has polo shirts already and since we are going to have new elected SGA members soon the shirts would be pointless. We can spend the money on something more needed.

**Aeri Kim:** Can we use the design for the upcoming year.

**Daniela Miramontes:** I agree it is a good idea, but we shouldn't go all out because the incoming offices may not even stick around. But the main reason is because Dr. Liz doesn't have one.

**Edwin Borbon:** I have been working on the shirts since January, but there were issues that have dragged out the process, which is why it is being brought up now.

**XV. Adjournment**

**Moved by Erin Robison and seconded by Jose Perez to adjourn at 10:46 a.m.**

Motion passed by general consent, 8-0-0.



Erin Robison  
SGA Secretary 2013-2014