

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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BC SGA ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 4th, 2016

4:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the chair, Senator Bernal, at 4:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Senator Bernal, Senator Graves, and Senator Van Horne.

The following members were absent: None.

The following members were excused: Senator Goddard

3/4 members are present, quorum has been established, and a bonafide meeting can be held.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Senate will consider any amendments to the agenda.

Senator Bernal: Under item 5.a. I put down Mrs. Wright as the BCSGA Advisor, It should actually be Dr. Damania.

Due to no objections, the agenda has been adopted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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None.

5. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

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. Committee Chair for Advancement

As the chair I have multiple reports to present, but for now I will hold off on them and wait until we reach new business under item 6.

b. Senator Graves

No report.

c. Senator Van Horne

No report.

d. Senator Goddard

No report.

e. BCSGA Advisor, Dr. Damania

One issue we need to start stressing on is safety, especially for the students attending night classes. Another item which was tossed around at last year's committee was having a cold food vender come on campus during night classes, right now we are just waiting for a selection of which food vender will be chosen and how it will go through food services. Another leftover item from last year is incorporating the KCV sticker into the GET buses; talks on that are still going on.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Introduction of members

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: My name is Tanya Bernal and I am a senator, as well as the chair for the Advancement Committee. I'm majoring in Political Science and I'm here, not only because this is a requirement for my major, but because I am very passionate about helping the community.

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Senator Graves: I am a student here at Bakersfield College, as well as a senator for BCSGA. I want to be able to go out into the community and help those in need, I have a strong desire in giving and providing service to those who cannot provide for themselves. Thank you for having me here today.

Senator Van Horne: My name is Richard Van Horne and I am a new senator here. I attend BC and am currently in the bachelor degree program for Industrial Automated. I wanted to join this committee because I feel that BC, as an institution, is beginning to grow in the types of services it can provide; I believe that the bachelors program here will provide many students the opportunity to pursue and learn. And with luck our example will reach others outside of Bakersfield and maybe even the state.

Dr. Damania: I am the Advisor for BCSGA, today is my second anniversary as the advisor here. I basically help in supporting and moving along your projects, as well as help in approving events and other projects.

Secretary Rodriguez: My name is Peter Rodriguez and I am the Secretary for BCSGA. I help in running the meetings here, collecting and gathering materials and assisting anywhere I can or am needed. I'll help in guiding these meetings and I hope I'll be ready to help you all in the future.

b. Surveys

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: So in front of you I've handed out a list of survey questions and would like your opinion on which questions should go on the final survey list, also please consider proposing anything you think will get students to think and answer these questions.

Senator Graves: This topic on, "what to do if an active shooter is on campus", is talked about among the students here quite frequently. Is this question necessary?

Senator Bernal: No, these questions on the list are only sample questions, we are here to discuss better or alternative sample questions. But I do wish to have one about the possibility of an active shooter and how students can be safe away from danger, especially which our country's current predicament.

Senator Van Horne: I agree with having a question on this topic on the final survey, both staff and students who know how to stay out of harm's way if this scenario were to ever occur could save lives. We could also use the advertisement of Safe Space to further promote this kind of topic. Essentially, let people know that we are concerned with this sort of thing happening and are constantly changing tactics and are prepared for the worst.

Senator Bernal: I want to spread information on this topic as well, to let people know what their role is or how they can help in that sort of situation. With this survey, I want to use it to help further promote response methods and safety precautions.

Senator Graves: But how would you train every faculty members, staff member and students in what steps they should take in that situation? I'm only asking these questions because of liability issues and out of concern, because we don't want students to get the wrong idea and endanger themselves, or worst.

Senator Van Horne: I agree, but it's not possible to train all the students who attend, I was talking about training the faculty members and teachers, so that way if the situation arises they can take control of their area.

Senator Bernal: We could collaborate with faculty members and have them re-train every month, or have them work with students to share what they learned. But to do this we would have to formulate a plan and then present that to everyone, so that everyone knows what to do and how to do it.

Motion from Senator Van Horne to move on from to item 6.b. to item 6.c.

Seconded by Senator Graves

Due to no objections, the motion has passed.

- c. Discuss what are the Advancement Committees duties

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: What do you all feel this Advancement Committee is about and what its responsibilities are?

Senator Graves: As the previous chair of the committee, I was required to respond to calls from the Student Body and do my best to have those requests and concerns placed on an agenda. Some of those concerns are still under development and others we have already begun to discuss. Our job is to answer the call of the body, and advise when it comes to decision making. We also have to consider the students and their needs when making decisions; making external connection is also a vital component of what we do.

Senator Van Horne: I have a question on what our boundaries are, because from my knowledge on the Advancement Committee, we have to make connections externally and internally, we are mostly focused on making external connections.

Senator Van Horne: So, when we make external connections, we do so within the community, but because many of those issues are usually connected to the school itself, we often have to take up and deal with multiple internal issues. So in general, it's hard to say where we draw the line in our involvement, so it's really up to the Chair's commitment and vision for the committee and school.

Senator Bernal: So from what Dr. Damania has told me, we are a committee operating mainly on an external level, outside the classroom. We essentially decide on the direction we want Advancement to go, so I suggest you all start brainstorming.

Motion to from Senator Van Horne to move from item 6.c. to item 6.d.

Seconded by Senator Graves

Due to no objections, the motion has passed.

- d. Discuss any potential new ideas

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: So the first idea I have on the table is a Video Recreation room, for those of us who are dealing with a lot of stress and need some time to relax. I want there to be a place for students to feel welcomed and safe, with games, board games and other students to socialize with. Cal-state has their own recreation room and from what I've heard it has been very successful. The second idea I have is something like to call, "Reading Buddies". It's no secret that Kern County is #1 in the nation for illiteracy, with that being said, many children who don't learn to read by second grade are often impaired for the rest of their education. As a committee willing to serve, I believe it's our job to go out and encourage young children to pursue reading as an activity and not as a task.

Senator Van Horne: I am still learning our boundaries and powers, but I have a suggestion on how we can reach out into the community. What if we were to operate a club with the ability to act as a sort of outreach tool, from our position we could use this secondary entity to represent our committee. This could be the "arm" for us to reach out externally into the community.

Senator Bernal: I agree with your idea, especially with all of the things we have to do already. We could reach out to clubs and offer them options to offer their services in our name and in theirs.

Senator Graves: branching off the idea of using a club as an outlet, we could suggest to Child Development to create their own club to assist our idea for, "Reading Buddies".

Senator Van Horne: and while it may sound ridiculous, if we act through a second party, we could establish a, "face", for the community to look to. We can make it vague enough to the point where any club or organization could offer their services to the community.

Senator Bernal: And with how spread how we are as it is, a face for the community to look to sounds like an excellent way for ourselves and other clubs to get involved. As for any other ideas anyone has, bring them to the next meeting for further discussion.

e. Schedule following meetings

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: So does this timeframe we are currently in suite everyone? We still need to plan a schedule for fall, as well, review the summer session.

Senator Van Horne: And for the summer session we will be holding a meeting every 2 weeks correct?

Senator Bernal: Yes.

Senator Van Horne: so our last summer session would be August 18th.

Senator Bernal: So what time works for you all?

Dr. Damania: Remember that Student Convocation is on the 18th as well.

Senator Bernal: So how about we schedule our next meeting next Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Secretary Rodriguez: Renegade Fest will be next week around that time and the office will be closed as well.

Senator Van Horne: I could do next Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Senator Graves: how about August 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.?

Dr. Damania: You can schedule for the 2 week of the fall semester right now.

Senator Bernal: I think the best option is for you all to email me your availability and I will work on a day we can all meet, does that sound good?

Senator Graves: That perfect

Senator Van Horne: and then you'll be able to email the meeting date.

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Senator Bernal: And remember to think about other possible ideas for the committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

In there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.