

Dear BCSGA,

I, Wesley M. Lyons, would be appropriately suited for the office of Director of Legislative Affairs due to several factors that set me apart from other potential candidates.

My experience with student government at the local, regional, and state level will allow me to begin working with efficacy day one. I have operated within the BCSGA as a Senator, Director of Legislative Affairs, and as the current Legislative Affairs Manager. These positions have given me the opportunity to perform a variety of tasks ranging from basic student government field work to the writing of properly formatted legislation at the local and state level<sup>1</sup>. Combining the above with my training and service in the U.S. Army enables me to be productive under the high pressure deadline sensitive conditions common at the state level. The discipline instilled from the military also allows me to mold my lexicon, mannerisms, and work schedule to fit a diverse and evolving political environment. The knowledge gained from those experiences will be invaluable in helping train the new administration as we start progressing toward the achievement of student goals.

Speaking of goals, what follows is a very rough outline of the way I see the Department of Legislative Affairs moving forward during my term if appointed. My very first action would be to seek a position as a Region V External Affairs Senator. This position would tie me in not only to both the Region V and SSCCC governments, but many college ASOs in the valley as well. From this position I would be able to ensure that Bakersfield College student interest are well represented. Next, I would begin fostering interest in student advocacy through various events throughout the year that would culminate in the SSCCC led event "March on March." If this event doesn't take place, as was the case this year, I would arrange a trip for our student advocates and coordinate with other campuses in a smaller substitute event around the same time. In addition, I hope to coordinate with the activities and student orgs. Directors in order to support the growth of the numerous clubs on campus via legislative workshops. I believe if we are able to accomplish all of these tasks we will be able to invigorate greater political involvement and student government participation from our constituents.

1. Legislation I have helped write is available for reference upon request.