

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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BCSGA TRANSITIONAL CEREMONY

Friday, May 6, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Fireside Room, Campus Center

1. CALL THE 92ND SESSION OF BCSGA TO ORDER

Once the 91st Session Sine Die, the BCSGA Secretary shall call the Senate to order pursuant to COBRA 109.02, and preserve order and decorum, and decide all questions of order. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Rodriguez at 10:10 a.m.

2. CONVENING OF THE NINETY-SECOND SESSION OF BCSGA

The Secretary shall keep order of BCSGA pending the administering the Oath of the Office of the Vice President.

Secretary Rodriguez: Senator-elects, this is the day fixed by the BCSGA Constitution for the convening meeting of the 92nd BCSGA Session and as the law directs, I, the BCSGA Secretary, have prepared the official roll of the Senator-elects. I have received certification of the 2016 BCSGA Spring General Election covering the elected seats and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were elected as BCSGA Officers in accordance with the laws of the Association will be called. The Senator-elects will respond to their names during the roll call as I call the roll alphabetically by last name.

3. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

The Secretary will call the Roll of the BCSGA Officers-elect to ascertain the presence of a quorum. Only the names of those persons whose credentials show they were regularly elected will be called. The quorum of the Senate is two-thirds of the Senators. The following members were present as follows: Vice President-elect Jimenez, Senator-elect Bernal, Senator-elect Garcia, Senator-elect Graves, Senator-elect Montero, Senator-elect Salcido.

Secretary Rodriguez: The quorum call discloses that 4 of 5 Senator-elects have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Secretary will take public comment on any action items on this agenda. The Secretary may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak which is stated before comment commence. We will now move into agenda item 4. Public Comment. We will now move into agenda item 4. Public Comment. Also, I would like to remind you that you are guests of the Senate and any manifestation of approval or disapproval of the proceedings or other audible conversation is in violation of BC Decorum. Continued willful disruption of the proceedings may result in removal from the room. The Secretary is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Honorable Garcia, a Senator-elect at large, announcing his intention to decline to take his seat in the 92nd Senate. Without objection, the letter will be included in the Minutes. Seeing no more Public Comments, we shall continue with the agenda. Dear Mr. Damania, I Eric Garcia Gregorio am writing this letter as a notice of my resignation from my position in the BCSGA Senate as we previously had a conversation the time of the bi weekly meetings conflict with my schedule and I feel like I would be robbing SGA and myself from an amazing experience by not attending them. While I am leaving I still look forward to perhaps helping the BCSGA in other means of volunteer work etc. Thank you for your time and wonderful experience of debating, running, and winning a position in the Senate.

Dr. Damania: We had a great meeting this morning in college council the president of the student government sits in the student council and today they were unfolding a new structure of how the college is going. There are so many great programs and services here on campus and there are so many students that are wanting to come in to BC. BC is learning how to grow and develop. One of the main things that

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have come out this year is the guided pathways. They started with a book, called Re Designing America's Community College. In that book a lot of the administrators, faculty and staff read that and realized that this is how we have to engage the next group of students at a community college level. It's how do you move from a campus environment of classes where students get to pick from any which way to more of a guided pathway so we can get them out in a timely manner. That's probably what really excited me from the past SGA. They were willing to take an idea and go that next step. The meaning of government is to do for the community what they can't do themselves.

Dr. Zav Dadabhoy: Welcome, I'm glad you're here today. To the outgoing student government members, I want to say a big Thank you, you have been outstanding, and have provided great services to the institution. To the incoming Student Government officers hang on for the ride. It's going to be fast and your' going to learn a lot. Use this opportunity wisely. It will be something you will think back upon. You will grow in all types of ways. Congratulations.

5. TRANSITION CEREMONY

The Senate will pause for the Inaugural Ceremonies of the BCSGA President, Director of Student Organization, and Vice President. The BCSGA Officer-elect will be formally sitting in the gallery during the Inaugural Ceremonies.

- a. Keynote Presentation from the President of Bakersfield College, Dr. Sonya Christian:
This is really a bitter sweet moment for me. I have developed a relationship with the outgoing SGA leadership and I'm going to miss you all. This last year I had an opportunity to connect with many of you. You have come up with ideas that I was either able to support or just be a cheerleader for. Mostly, Clayton, I'm going to miss you. Keep doing the good work that you started. Matthew we are going to start a new year together. Over the 3 years I've been president, I've noticed that the relationship I have with the SGA President is something that is very dear to me. You'll have full access to me and my cellphone number any time and I look forward to that partnership. When you bring your team together this summer it is really an opportunity for you to bond as a team and figure out what you want to do. We'll be able to figure out from a college perspective to figure out how to make your dream come true for 2016-2017. So with that let's get the show on the roll.
- b. Administering the Oath of Office to the President-elect Secretary Rodriguez:
Now we will swear-in the 2016-2017 President, Vice President, and Director of Student Organizations. First, President Christian will administer the oath to the Office to the President. Mr. Matthew Frazier, please come forward.
Administering the Oath of Office to the Vice President-elect
Secretary Rodriguez: Now we will swear-in the 2016-2017 President, Vice President, and Director of Student Organizations. I would like to call President Christian up to the table who will be administering the oaths. Additionally, both President Christian and the new BCSGA Officers will sign the oath of office after being sworn in. First, President Christian will administer the oath to the Office to the President. Mr. Matthew Frazier, please come forward.
- c. Administering the Oath of Office to the Director of Student Organizations-elect Secretary Rodriguez: Now President Christian will administer the oath to the Office to the Director of Student Organizations. President Christian: Please raise your right hand, and repeat after me... "I, {State your Name} name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office into which I am about to enter." Secretary Rodriguez: Ladies and Gentlemen of the galley, I would like to present to you the 2016-2017 BCSGA Director of Student Organizations, Mr. Donte Smith. Congratulations Director Smith. Please be seated at the head table. President Christian, thank you for administering the oath of office to our elected executive officers. BCSGA would like to thank you for your

time, support, and dedication to the Association. Please join me in a round of applause for President Christian. At this time, I will pass the gavel over to our new Vice President, Vice President Jimenez. President Jimenez: Thank you Secretary Rodriguez for your work and dedication

a. Inaugural Address by the President

President Frazer: I am honored to be the next Bakersfield College Student Government Association President. Within the past few weeks Vice President Jimenez and I have been working together to merge our visions on how we can motivate a larger sense of student involvement here at Bakersfield College. In the year to come, we hope to inspire current as well as incoming students to reach out to BCSGA. In order to do this, BCSGA will be working side by side with College personnel to engage our community into a vibrant student focused environment suitable for our educational pursuits.

Thus, BCSGA Officers need to be more accessible and visible on campus to be able to identify and communicate the wants and needs of our fellow renegades.

We shall do this by participating in local community events, engaging in district-wide initiatives, contributing to the participatory governance committees, and hosting an array of events and activities here at the Home of the Renegades. Student Organizations are a lifeline on campus and need to have a more prominent presence on campus all year around.

BCSGA will work with our recognized student organizations and their members to help maximize the BC student involvement experience

To make this happen, Student Organizations need to grow. By this I mean not only in membership numbers, but their visibility and promotion on campus.

Above all things, BCSGA needs to create more positive and stronger relationships with various entities through co-curricular learning. Student Organizations and the various other activities on campus, help engage the students' knowledge that they have learned within a classroom and transfer their skills into operation through a student organization or involvement with another activity. I also look forward to bringing more visibility and awareness to our overlooked renegades, especially the disabled students and veterans. These groups of students deserve to be heard and have secured equal opportunities and involvement. Additionally, BCSGA will need to unify the dream of student success throughout the district, whether the efforts are at our Delano Center, rural sites, or our Kern Community College District sister institutions. I envision us to nurture a community that is willing to aid everyone in our community regardless of identity or affiliation. BCSGA will need to seek out and create a more comfortable and pleasant learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Once again, I am honored that the student Renegade community believed in me and my vision for a better BC. I look forward to working with my fellow BCSGA officers and BC faculty and staff, but most importantly working with my fellow renegades – who bleed red and white -- to bring this vision to life. We are Renegades, we are one.

b. Inaugural Address by the Vice President: Vice President: Thank you President Frazer for your vision and direction. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming academic year. I would like to add something that is more philosophical. Since my child hood there has been a quote that has stayed in my mind since this day. It represents the climax in the movie. I now see the circumstances are irrelevant. It is what we do with the gift of life that determines who we are. I heard this no more than a decade ago and at that time I was not very sure what it meant and frankly I didn't care. For those curious, it was a Pokémon Movie. I now know what the quote means and I also know that it is not true. The circumstances upon birth almost always determines who we are. That is why I'm running for the next BCSGA Vice President because I want to be all that I can be. Sometimes we look back and realize how much we have grown. To conclude the ceremony last Friday we were told not to make exceptions. We live in a world where we are walking in

opposite directions. In this world if you want to move forward you have to sprint.
We are not walking anymore, we are sprinting.

D. ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE SENATORS-ELECT

The Vice President shall call each Senator-elect from the gallery and then will administer the oath of office to the Senators-elect.

Vice President: At this time, I would like to call forth our 2016-2017 BCSGA Senators-elect. I will call each Senator-elect up one at a time. Senators-elect, please make your way to President Frazer who will welcome you to the Association with your new name tag and remain standing off to the side to be sworn in altogether.

92nd Senate Session Roll Call

Senator-elect Bernal

Senator-elect Graves

Senator-elect Montero

Senator-elect Salcido

Vice President: Senators-elect please raise your right hand, and repeat after me...

"I, {State your Name}, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office into which I am about to enter."

E. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANT ASSOCIATION SEATS

The Vice President shall announce the existence of any vacancies at the time of its assembly, due to resignation or otherwise.

- a. Vacancy of Eight BCSGA Senator-at-large seats- I would like the record to reflect that at the current moment, there are eight Senator Seats vacant.
- b. Vacancy of all appointed Executive Officer Positions- There are additional vacancies for all the appointed Executive Officer Positions.

f. RECOGNITION OF PAST BCSGA OFFICERS

The Vice President will recognize the BCSGA Officers from the 91st Session of Bakersfield College Student Government Association.

Vice President: Moving along our agenda, the Officers of the 92nd BCSGA Session would like to thank the Officers of the 90th BCSGA Session.

As I call each past BCSGA Officer, please make your way to President Sanchez and Director Hidalgo. President Sanchez will present to you the BCSGA Stole and Director Hidalgo will place the BCSGA Medallion upon you. This is a small token of the Association's gratitude for your service and dedication. We hope you will wear these items with pride during your graduation ceremonies. Once you receive them, please be seated back in the gallery.

President Clayton Fowler

Vice President Janell Orozco

Director of Student Organizations Chad Hildago

Director of Student Activities Geena Olague

Director of Legislative Affairs Robby Burke

Director of Finance Epifania Mendoza

Parliamentarian Kyle Mann

Legislative Affairs Manager Wesley Lyons

Student Activities Manager Kirissa Roberts

Student Organization Funding Manager Richard Scott

Public Relations Manager Raquel Vega

Senator-at-Large Jose Chavez

Senator-at-Large Daniel Galvez

Senator-at-Large Fitzgerald Graves

Senator-at-Large Maddie Herndon

Senator-at-Large Colton Nichelson
Senator-at-Large Victoria Roel
Senator-at-Large Alfredo Sanchez
Senator-at-Large Dontae Smith
Senator-at-Large Manuel Zavala
Justice Michael Andrew Esqueda

g. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Vice President shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

We shall move onto Agenda Item 9. Each Senator is allowed max of two minutes for such comments.

Would like to remind all Senators that our first meeting of the 92nd session will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the BCSGA Boardroom. Please note this will be a long meeting.

Before that, Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 5 p.m. in room SS151, we will be having a technology workshop. Please come prepared to learn about your new email accounts.

Additionally, please ensure that all paperwork and information is given to Dr. Damania or one of the secretaries before you leave today. Does any Senator seek recognition?

h. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Vice President may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda, except as otherwise provided by law. The Vice President may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

Vice President: Seeing no more comments and announcements, we shall move into Agenda Item 10. The Brown Act requires public bodies to provide a general public comment period at each of its meetings. Are there any Public Comments at this time?

i. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President: If there is no further Public Comments before the Senate, without objection, the Senate will stand adjourned until Friday, May 25, 2016, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the BCSGA Boardroom located in the Campus Center at Bakersfield College Panorama campus. Seeing no more discussion, we are adjourned at 11:01 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016.