[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**Government Accountability Act**

In the Senate of the Student Government Association

of BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

October 24, 2014

Submitted by President Dominguez to the Senate

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**A Bill**

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

*Whereas, it is our duty, as an elected body, to be accountable and transparent to our constituency base which includes the student body of Bakersfield College and the community of Bakersfield, Kern County and the State of California*;

*Whereas, government accountability ensures actions and decisions taken by elected officials are fulfilling their duties described in the Student Government Association’s By Laws and responding to the needs of their constituent base*;

*Whereas, government accountability allows for an evaluation of public officials regarding their effectiveness and to make sure they are working to their highest potentials in serving the community;*

*Whereas, government transparency empowers the students and the community to easily research their Student Government Association and hold their elected officials accountable;*

*Whereas, government transparency allows the students and the community to easily see the day to day actions of their Student Government Association and allows them to see how their student representation fees are being spent;*

*Whereas, the more accountability and transparency we have a Student Government Association, the more public trust and acceptance we will gain from the students and the community*;

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association,*

1. *In order to be at the highest level of accountability, we as an elected body will hold monthly “town hall” meetings where we hear the students’ input and what they want to see done by their elected officials, we will also conduct a bi-weekly report card where we sit in an agendized meeting organized by the Student Government Association President and discuss government spending and the ethics and morals of our elected body;*

*Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association,*

1. *In order to be at the highest level of transparency, all agendas will be posted in a local and easily seen area, a monthly Government Review Newsletter will be put out including what the Student Government Association is currently working on, has worked on, and plans to work on, drafted by the President, plus a spending report by the Director of Finance, a legislative report by the Director of Legislative Affairs, and a calendar on student, club and organization’s events by the Director of Activities and the Director of Clubs & Organizations*

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