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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

##th SESSION
2014-2015

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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

A RESOLUTION

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

- 1 *Whereas, it is our duty, as an elected body, to be accountable and transparent to our*
2 *constituency base which includes the student body and the community of Bakersfield,*
3 *Kern County and the State of California;*
- 4 *Whereas, government accountability ensures actions and decisions taken by elected*
5 *officials are meeting their states objectives and responding to the needs of their*
6 *constituent base;*
- 7 *Whereas, government accountability allows for an evaluation of public officials regarding*
8 *their effectiveness and to make sure they are working to their highest potentials in*
9 *serving the community;*
- 10 *Whereas, government transparency empowers the students and the community to easily*
11 *research their Student Government Association and hold their elected officials*
12 *accountable;*

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

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

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,*

8 a) *In order to be at the highest level of accountability, we as an elected body will hold*
9 *monthly "town hall" meetings where we hear the students' input and what they want*
10 *to see done by their elected officials, we will also conduct a bi-weekly report card*
11 *where we sit in an agendized meeting and discuss government spending and the*
12 *ethics and moral of our elected body;*

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

14 a) *In order to be at the highest level of transparency, all agendas will be posted in a*
15 *local and easily seen area, a monthly newsletter will be put out including what the*
16 *Student Government Association is currently working on, has worked on, and plans*
17 *to work on, plus a spending report, a legislative report, and a calendar on student,*
18 *clubs and organizations' events.*