



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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SENATE BILL

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

JUNE 29, 2017

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR LIMACO AND SENATOR SHARMA, TO THE SENATE

A BILL

Clarification of Town Hall Meetings

1 *Whereas, the Bakersfield College Student Government Association is charged with*
2 *promoting the “general welfare, the morale of the students, and advocate [on] behalf of the*
3 *student voice.” (COBRA 201.01(a));*

4 *Whereas, the purpose of Town Hall meetings is for constituents to “meet and request*
5 *information from ANY of the BCSGA Officers” (COBRA 401.06(a), emphasis added);*

6 *Whereas, COBRA 401.06, “Town Hall Meetings,” has not been implemented properly;*

7 *Whereas, the student population of Bakersfield College has grown to exceed 25,000*
8 *students, with less than 2% exercising the right to participate in BCSGA elections;*

9 ~~*Whereas, the duties of the Senate according to the BCSGA Constitution include “(working*
10 ~~*effectively to) represent the student body in the Participatory Governance process” (Article VI,*~~
11 ~~*Section 4(a)(1);*~~~~

1 *Whereas, the effectiveness of the Association as a whole depends exclusively on its ability*
2 *to accurately represent the voice of the entire student body;*

3 *Whereas, there exists the need to engage the student population in a more direct manner;*

4 ~~*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association,*~~

5 ~~*a) That COBRA 401.06, "Town Hall Meetings," in its entirety be removed from Title IV,*~~
6 ~~*Chapter 1.*~~

7 ~~*Be it further enacted by the Senate that COBRA 202.04, "Town Hall Meetings," be created;*~~

8 ~~*Be it further enacted by the Senate*~~

9 ~~*a) That the language of COBRA 202.04, "Town Hall Meetings," state the following*~~
10 ~~*three (3) clauses:*~~

11 ~~*b) 1. "The members of the Executive Cabinet and the Senate shall host campus-wide*~~
12 ~~*forums twice per semester, for constituents to meet, request information from,*~~
13 ~~*and/or express campus concerns to any BCSGA Officers";*~~

14 ~~*c) 2. "All BCSGA Officers shall attend at least one (1) town hall meeting per term in*~~
15 ~~*office";*~~

16 ~~*d) And, 3.*~~

17 ~~*a) "The BCSGA President shall be in charge of each town hall meeting in scheduling,*~~
18 ~~*convening, and presiding over unless he/she appoints another BCSGA Officer deemed*~~
19 ~~*fit to hold such responsibility to conduct the meeting"*~~