

Hello,

This email is to confirm my support for the Proclamation & Bill on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism being put forth to the BCSGA Senate on Feb. 23, 2022.

As a Professor of History at Bakersfield College since 2012, I can affirm with certainty that this is an important and worthwhile action for this body to consider. The California Community College Chancellor's Office and Academic Senate for California Community Colleges have both initiated important work in these areas the past few years. Bakersfield College in 2020 passed an institutional commitment toward racial equity through the Academic Senate. Having student voices engaged in this work is critical. The action being considered today by the BCSGA Senate would be a significant step toward ensuring that students will be actively involved in planning and implementing campus work related to DEI, accessibility, and anti-racism. As of now, much of the work being done in these areas at Bakersfield College is somewhat haphazard and would benefit from having a strong and consistent student voice and participation in how the campus accomplishes this important work.

Thank you for considering my public remarks and I look forward to support from BCSGA Senate with respect to DEI, accessibility, and anti-racism.

Best,

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