

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## COMMITTEE ON ADVANCEMENT OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

4:00 p.m.

SGA Boardroom

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER\***

The meeting was called to order by Senator Graves at 4:10 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL\***

*A two-thirds quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting*

**The following members were present:** Senator Graves, Senator Sanchez, Senator Galvez, Senator Maner, and Advisor Damania

**The following members were absent:** Senator Chavez

**The following members were excused:** (none)

**2/3 quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was held.**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*The Committee will discuss this agenda and may choose to amend or edit the agenda. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Committee may choose to adopt the agenda.*

- a. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the agenda for Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*The Committee will discuss those minutes and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Committee may choose to adopt the minutes.*

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Maner to adopt the minutes for Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT\***

*The Chair may elect to take public comment on any action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak which is stated before comment commence.*

- a. There were no comments made by the public.

6. **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

*The Chair shall recognize any officer of the Association, including the BCSGA Advisor, to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements deemed necessary for no longer than five minutes.*

- a. *Chair, Senator Graves Sr.:* The new conversation on campus now is if we need armed guards. I attended an information and dialogue forum in the Levan center yesterday, along with Secretary Rodriguez and Senator Galvez. It was about Active Shooter Response training. The information provided was vital, but it did leave us to ask how we are going to get the District to approve it, and will we be regularly seeing peace officers or law enforcement. There are students who don't believe that reality is reality, and will challenge these people or be rebellious. So as we already have Public Safety, will there then be an even further training regarding weaponry? Within this committee, it would be beneficial to hold a survey of the students to ask about their opinion on the topic. So I challenge each member to obtain the names, emails, and poll/answer of at least 30 students. The email is to give feedback about the results of the survey.

- b. *Senator Galvez:* At the last meeting we had talked about the campus beautification project. I spoke with Director Hidalgo to see what the clubs and organizations can do. I brought up the idea of holding like a contest. He told me that we might be able to present this to the clubs, and possibly offer a \$100 SOF grant as a prize. I then brought this up at Senate. However, I was informed by Advisor Damania and Parliamentarian Mann that this idea would need to go through M&O, and have them place it in as no one can build something for the campus. This would create a liability issue if there were clubs trying to build permanent fixtures. There is also a key personnel, Nan Gomez, to talk to about this idea, as well as that there is a governance committee in charge of beautification.

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- c. *Senator Sanchez*: I found that there are going to be new building projects here at BC which will start May 17, 2017 and go through 2018. The projects include building a swing set space, but it is still tentative as to where it will be located. Additionally, a lot of students have been cited for jay walking on Mt. Vernon. Professor Holmes talked to the City about building another crosswalk, or about building a bridge, and they told him no. They don't want to build anything. (Senator Graves suggested that the committee look into promoting pedestrian safety and to look into accommodating that.) But I think that the school is also trying to promote that students to purchase a parking pass as it would then prevent that. For that, I have also written a resolution to open back the free parking space in one of the parking lots.
- d. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: I am still working with Chef Eric about the vending machine, the food truck, and about the farmer's market.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Items listed in this agenda item have already been read or discussed once and thus are considered for approval of the committee*

- a. Renegade Promise  
**Discussion:** There was a recent meeting with President Christian and a committee. President Fowler is in charge of a literature review of the various promises from about 8 selected institutions, as delegated by President Christian. The Renegade Promise is essentially a pathway, or "promise", for incoming students to have students graduate within a certain timeframe if they complete certain items, such as taking 15 units every semester. If a member was interested in learning more, or on helping to review, they were referred to let President Fowler know immediately such that they are given an institution to help review.
- b. GET Bus Pass Semester passes  
**Discussion:** Senator Graves was informed by Ms. Gina Hayden from GET that they are seriously considering designing a semester pass for students, given the current data. They will be talking to CSUB, the high schools, and there will be one more meeting held after certain person come back from their winter holiday break. She should be contacting me on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. This would help in creating a semester pass from August to December, and even if the pass was lost then the student could go back by providing proper identification, which would null or void the previous pass.
- c. Cold Sandwich Vendor Machine  
**Discussion:** The vending machine is just near being completed, but patience is just key currently as the committee must wait for further progress.
- d. Resolutions Impact to BC Campus/Tobacco Free Campus  
**Discussion:** The committee needs to speak to Ms. Collier in Allied Health to see what they would like to do. It has been passed at General Assembly, and the students have spoken. The duty to contact Ms. Collier was designated to Senator Maner.
- e. Incident involving Student and Professional Candor  
**Discussion:** This item was not discussed, and decided by the committee to be brought up at the next Senate meeting.
- f. "Assisting G's Get GED's"  
**Discussion:** The purpose of this is to help those students who don't get to graduate as their Senior year approaches the end to push on to be able to graduate and attend college. It is directed towards students who are in continuation schools, and the hope is that Bakersfield College connects more to the community. It would push them to attend even the Bakersfield Adult School, and then to go on to Bakersfield College. It was beseeched by Senator Graves towards the committee to have the members reach out to the schools to see if they can get the clearance to reach out, or do a presentation, to those students personally, and to get more ideas.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

*Items listed in this agenda item have not already been read or discussed once and thus are considered for approval of the committee*

- a. Hiring Armed Personnel on BC Campus  
**Discussion:** The committee discussed their different viewpoints on the topic. Senator Maner felt that it would be a good idea, but that there are implications since it could lead to compromising situations of the weapon falling into the wrong hand or eliminating certain duties that are delegated to peace officers. Senator Galvez was in favor of the idea, but felt that it would be slim to none of compromising situations occurring. Additionally that it would command more respect where their badge doesn't, such as in situations where there are large groups of students. Senator Sanchez was also in favor as it could improve response timing to an active shooter situation. It was suggested to still

maintain security as is, but have one officer who is armed. Senator Graves indicated that he does have his own reservations about it, but understands the need for it. This topic was decided to be addressed further in another meeting.

b. The SSCCC Black Caucus Conference Committee

**Discussion:** There is an attempt to bring the Black Caucus Conference to Bakersfield College. This is an organization that has the focus to bring a group together, as well as into the ‘know’ and the ‘how’, and to align the voices to represent their concerns or to see items that should be addressed. However, it is not closed off to only one demographic or ethnicity

c. Equity Plan

**Discussion:** Senator Graves informed the committee Equity & Inclusion has been given the responsibility to design an equity plan that addresses all the issues of the specific demographics of Bakersfield College that are not performing well. There was a committee, called the African American Initiative, which was granted an enormous amount of funding to allocate to different programs and organizations on campus that support/promotes the change among the demographic—to lift those at a deficit to a positive. Senator Graves challenged the committee to get to know the equity plan. As the student body, the members need to take their positions as students to use their voices and power to change the things that are unfair or unjust. The equity plan has been changed several times, and he states that it seems that Equity is leaving the plan. Now the plan is no longer focused on the original demographic or goal that the funding was meant for.

d. Institutional Services Impact on Student Success

**Discussion:** It was discussed that this is what S.I., or supplemental instructions, is probably trying to replace. It is essentially offering different resources to students in order to help them, beyond or besides the financial assistance portion. Senator Graves mentioned that removing these titles and labels, and helping the students should be the goal. As such, there should be like one general institutional services department.

9. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

*The Chair shall recognize in turn Officers requesting the floor for a period not to exceed three minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.*

- a. Senator Galvez: In regards to the Bakersfield Beautification, Parliamentarian Mann approached me and informed me that there is a small garden area by the Fine Arts building. He said that it was dedicated to something, or placed in memory of something/someone. But this garden is actually rundown. This could be something that could be encompassed within the plan, but there is a need to place it in a place where it can be seen.
- b. Advisor Damania: What the cost of the bus passes amounts to, I would suggest that it be further implemented that students with the KVC card get an even bigger discount on it. This would help to increase the BCSGA budget. But it needs to be worked out with the BCSGA Director of Finance to see how much of a deduction the discount would be.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT\***

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- a. Epifania Mendoza: On Friday, during the student panel, we discussed with the faculty who attended about going out to students, especially starting from middle school, and focusing on what college is, how it would help, promoting BCSGA, promoting Bakersfield College, as well as going even further by talking to parents to let them know what the college system is or how it works. This would assist in your idea of “G’s get GEDs”. I actually talked to an administrator from Arvin High School, and he let me know that if there were to be something like that, then we need to talk to the counselors.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Maner to adjourn the meeting.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote. Senator Graves adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.