

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

1801 Panorama Drive, Campus Center, Room 4 | Bakersfield, California 93305

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 14,
2016

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, President Frazer, at 1:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: President Frazer, Director Smith, Director Zavala, and Manager Manos. The following members were absent: Vice President Jimenez, Director Garcia, Director Lyons, Parliamentarian Serrato, and Manager Juarez.

The following members were excused: Manager Webb and Manager Cervantes.

4/11 members were present, quorum has not been established, and a bonafide meeting cannot be held.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Body will consider any amendments to the agenda.

Due to no quorum, the amendments to the agenda as left as is and will not be approved.

4. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings

- a. The board will consider the approval of unapproved minutes from the two meetings held on 08/17/16

Due to quorum not being met, the minutes are left as is and will not be approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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Director Zavala: I would just like to share with everyone my office hours, I am usually in the office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. so if you wish to speak with me please stop by at these hours. There may be times where I will be studying or with a professor but I will usually be working at these times.

Manager Manos: I also have my office hours set, you can find me in the office from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. And if you cannot meet with me at these times then please feel free to email me, my contact information is outside my office door. Another announcement I have is MECHA is hosting a car show event from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be selling food and drinks for a fundraiser, KVC is being implemented as well.

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, *Matthew Frazer, President*

Thank you everyone for coming, I have a few announcements. Director Garcia, Senator Cooper, and Senator Cortez are all working on creating a self-defense class for the community. They are currently working on meeting with a gym who will provide an instructor, we plan on hosting a one-time class and depending on the results we will host more in the future. Our efforts in informing our students on the Better BC Bond is still ongoing, our public relations manager Rayven Webb is working with the instructors to set up class times where BCSGA officers can speak with students.

- b. Vice President, *Galo Jiménez*
No report.

Notes:

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- c. Director of Activities, *Erik Garcia*
No report.
- d. Director of Legislative Affairs, *Wesley Lyons*
No report.
- e. Director of Stud Orgs, *Dontae Smith*
Manager Cervantes and I have finalized the workshop list with times and dates for the remainder of the semester. There in an electronic copy on the calendar, as well as a printed copy that will be posted outside my office door. We will also be having another Halloween Ball meeting this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We hope to complete our budget sheet as well as begin designating clubs to specific areas of work.
- f. P.R. Manager, *Rayven Webb*
No report.
- g. Director of Finance, *Manny Zavala*
Tomorrow there will be a Department of Finance Meeting from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. We are in the process of creating a bill to send to senate which we hope will be amended into the COBRA, this will allow my committee to oversee and appeal process for the KVC sticker. As for the appeal, if you receive a refund two weeks after the semester began, you can get a full refund without issue, any other students who ask for a refund after that cut-off will need to submit an appeal.
- h. Legislative Affairs Manager, *Dezi Von Manos*
We have a Power Lunch on Thursday, September 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be catering. We are still deciding who to cater from, last Power Lunch we ordered from Subway, if anyone has any recommendation please let me know. Beside our monthly Power Lunches, we are planning to do a tabling event soon and would appreciate any senators to come and join us. We hope to do these tabling events starting next Monday September 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Besides that, we have a few resolutions that will be presented on our behalf, we are still in the process of deciding what exactly those resolution will be about, but when it is decided, Wesley Lyons will be the one presenting them. Another announcement, our awareness booth will be returning in October, and I will coming to the senate meetings to gather help for that in the future.
- i. BCSGA Advisor, Dr. Damania
We have several boxes of BCSGA water bottles and sand candy left over from the beginning of the semester, Director Garcia has been selling the water bottles for \$2.00 to \$3.00, and the sand candy for \$1.00, however both of these items are free with the KVC sticker so if you have an upcoming event and want to draw attention, please feel free to use them items. Another thing coming up soon is the region 5 trip and SSCCC, which are back-to-back, anyone who wishes to go on this trip please meet with me so we can plan transportation; we leave on the 30th of this month. We need to push the clubs on campus to complete their registration forms, there are two the StudentOrg update form and the Apply 17, and they must complete the Apply 17 first. Labor Day was priority registration, so it's first come first serve for club registration, this includes all the privileges such as booking rooms for meetings. This Friday is the McFarland Panel in the outdoor theater, I highly suggest you all attend. Rayven Webb is organizing meeting times with professors to speak in their classrooms on our facility needs for Measure J.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the Body.

- a. Establish office hours for Fall
No further business.
- b. Participatory Governance Committee Meetings
Discussion:
President Frazer: I have the list of meetings finalized, and have been distributing them out to the committees and people who need them.
- c. Setting up bi-monthly meetings with President
Discussion:

President Frazer: I have still not received any responses from officers or their managers on meeting with me, I would like to meet with you at least twice a month to stay up-to-date with what is happening. All I need is a time and a date, whether it's during lunch or before classes, I just need to meet with you so we can discuss and see what is happening outside of the executive meetings. I prefer to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- d. Discuss each departments upcoming events
- No further business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss changing thanksgiving break to a week.

Discussion:

President Frazer: This ideas has been in the senate since last year, and involves changing the regular Thursday-Friday break to a whole week break for students. This normally would have to involve the students on campus, however due to low-feedback results, this will remain a senate decision. Theoretically, making the Thanksgiving break a week long break instead of two days would result in having to add a few extra days of class afterwards, but we need to take into consideration other programs such as the night-time classes, students have no one to watch their children and student drop rate rise significantly during this time.

Manager Manos: If we do this for the Thanksgiving break, would we be willing to look at the spring break as well, because there are a number of students who cannot continue because there is no one to look after their children.

President Frazer: We are mostly focusing on the Thanksgiving break because there is a more significant drop in students compared to the rest of the school year, however this could be looked at in the future.

Director Smith: I know of a few students who take night classes, and while this problem is prevalent, I personally don't think changing the break to a week would benefit the students because many are coming to college for the first time and experiencing a dynamic shift. Having a month long break in December is just one of these changes but it is probably one of the more positive ones, because in high school students are only given a week or two of break, here they have more time to relax and unwind after finals. In addition, there are more holidays celebrated during the week of December than November, so I don't believe extending the Thanksgiving break is a wise choice.

Dr. Damania: At the last institution I worked at, the day before the Thanksgiving break and the day after classes went on break, the school would enact a prep-day, where professors would be in their offices helping students with questions. If the Thanksgiving break is extended then we could possibly push for a prep-day of our own for students before finals.

President Frazer: Here at BC, we have finals two weeks after the end of Thanksgiving break. And while the time between finals and the end of Thanksgiving break differs year by year, if we decide to extend the break length, it could be implemented as early as next fall semester. We have till October to decide whether or not it will be approved. The Senate asking for our stance so that they can proceed with the process.

Dr. Damania: The most efficient way to do this is to write a resolution for senate to see and decide on, then rewrite the resolution and re-present it to the senate to make a final decision on. It must be sponsored by a senator to be presented.

- B. Discuss having armed security on campus.

Discussion:

President Frazer: This is another items brought to me by the senate that concerns armed security on campus. There are two options for this: first is making a contract with the Bakersfield Police Department and having an officer on campus, the second is paying for the certification of our officers on campus to carry.

Manager Manos: Who would be chosen to carry firearms?

President Frazer: It would be a select few due to the certification process being expensive. Later today I will be going to an informational briefing to learn more, hopefully I will get back to you with more information.

Director Smith: My only worry with this is that, if the training is not adequate enough, a student could be mistaken for a threat and taken down.

President Frazer: The training is a state approved certification. Around most of the country, the number of instances between students and armed security is less than a percent, in fact, the percentage of threats on campuses has decreased once an armed officer comes on campus.

Manager Manos: I would like to see if there is a present need for an armed officer on campus, that way we can decide whether we need several trained security guards on campus or just a single BPD officer.

Dr. Damania: If it's possible, have representatives from different departments – Public Safety – present at the senate meeting where this resolution will be presented, that way you can get more feedback.

- C. Approval of SR##: BCSGA endorsement of Measure J : KCCD Bond
No further business.

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None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.