

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Thursday, October 27th, 2016

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Fireside Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Director Zavala, at 3:49 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Director Zavala, Senator Cooper, and Senator Montero-Garcia.

The following members were absent: None.

The following members were excused: None.

3/3 members were present, quorum has been established, and a bonafide meeting can be held.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Body will consider any amendments to the agenda.

None.

4. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Body will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

- a. The Body will consider the approval of unapproved minutes from the meeting held on October 6th, 2016.

Seeing no correction to the minutes, the minutes have been approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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Director Zavala: At this moment, we will let one of our appeal applicants who's here in attendance speak on there on behalf, if you would like to give us a brief introduction to who you are and why you need your KVC sticker appealed.

Ruby Padilla: My name is Ruby Padilla I am a student here at BC and I'm here to hopefully refund my purchase on the KVC Card. When I started my first semester here at BC I was not aware of the discount sticker or its benefits, and while now I know what it can do, I currently have no need for the KVC Card.

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, *Director Zavala*
There are a number of applicants who are attempting to appeal multiple terms rather than one term, which makes approving these appeal difficult. However, I am nearing the end of most of the more conflicting appeals, and with the Consent Agenda I should go much smoother than before.
- b. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*
No report.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be non-controversial by the Body and will be enacted by one motion without discussion unless a member of the Body calls an item(s) for a separate vote. Items called into question from the Body will be considered after the conclusion of new business.

- a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Kyra McGinnis

Seeing no move to pull any Items from Consent Agenda, the Items have been approved.

Notes:

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Director Zavala sought a motion to suspend the rules for the day

Moved by Senator Montero-Garcia, seconded by Senator Cooper

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Items listed have already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the Body

a. Review of the: "Student Fee Handbook"

Discussion:

Director Zavala: I was given a list of items by Dr. Damania that he wished for us to review and discuss, including parking fees, transportation fees, and basic law and student fees. Last meeting Senator Montero-Garcia and myself went over the parking fees and transportation fees, because Senator Cooper was unable to attend the duration of the last meeting, we will quickly recap what was discussed. There is a possible \$50.00 charge that can be placed on parking permits, as well a cooperation between GET Bus and BC to allow student to ride free of charge on the GET Bus. The total cost for allowing BC students to ride for free would be around \$25,000.00, but these numbers have been inconsistent. Other topics of discussion ranged from the distribution of KVC stickers to allowing students to vote on whether they would want to be charged to allow free public transportation.

Senator Cooper: Perhaps we could work with SGA, and survey both KVC holder and non-KVC holders whether they would be willing to pay and optional transportation fee to ride free on the GET Bus.

Director Zavala: The input of the school is vital and this is something we will have to look further into before pursuing it. Because we only have so much time, let's discuss student parking fees a little more with the little time we have left. According to the student fee handbook, a fee of up to \$50.00 may be charged to staff and students to help in maintain the parking facilities and public safety per semester; for those who carpool and share-ride, those individuals pay only \$35.00 per semester. As the committee of Bakersfield College, we have the authority to change the prices as we see fit.

Senator Montero-Garcia: For the carpooling, we would have to devise a way to check if students are really ride-sharing with others, this would mean some sort of toll booth which would be detrimental during the morning hours.

Director Zavala: The student fee handbook also has a fee discount option for students who purchase their student body card; this translates to KVC holders being able to get a discount on the parking permits if we implement this and we could sell more KVC stickers in the coming semesters. Obviously, we would need to speak with the other departments like Public Safety, who get much of their funding from parking permits.

Senator Montero-Garcia: This, while beneficial, could be an obstacle to many students who would purchase both the parking pass and the KVC, in some cases they can only afford one or the other.

Senator Cooper: The current price of the parking pass is approximately \$35.00 to \$40.00, if we could somehow combine the two prices to equal \$40.00, it could further incentive student to purchase the sticker.

Director Zavala: Like I said earlier, this is something we would need to discuss with the other departments and Public Safety to see if this idea can come out. We will put this item in Consent Agenda for next meeting if we wish to speak on these items next meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

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

a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Ruby Padilla

Director Zavala sought a motion to open discussion for Item 9.a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Ruby Padilla

Moved by Senator Montero-Garcia, seconded by Senator Cooper

Discussion:

Director Zavala: We will be looking at the KVC sticker appeal for the semesters of 2014 spring, 2016 spring, and 2016 fall. Ruby Padilla is here with us today, if you would like you may speak on your own behalf on why you are appealing for a refund for the KVC sticker.

Ruby Padilla: I simply wish to remove the payment off of my record, as to not interfere with my registration or graduation from BC.

Director Zavala: We will approve all three semesters for the KVC sticker refund, spring 2014 and 2016 and fall 2016.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Ayes: 2 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- b. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Jeriah Watkins
Director Zavala sought a motion to open discussion for Item 9.b. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Jeriah Watkins
Moved by Senator Montero-Garcia, seconded by Senator Cooper

Discussion:

Director Zavala: We will be looking at the KVC sticker appeal for the semesters of 2010 fall, 2011 spring, 2012 fall, 2012 spring, 2013 spring, 2014 spring, 2015 spring, 2016 spring and 2016 fall. I did contact this student, I was not able to leave a voicemail, and email was also unsuccessful. Please discuss whether to approve some semesters or none at all.

Senator Montero-Garcia: Let's check where the student started purchasing the KVC stickers and where the gaps in between the semesters are, if any.

Senator Cooper: This student had 4 separate gaps between their semesters here at BC: 2011 fall, 2013 fall, 2014 fall and 2015 fall. I believe we should forgive the 2010 fall semester, 2011 spring, 2011 fall and spring 2012. As a new student it is difficult to get informed, but after three semesters they should be aware.

Senator Montero-Garcia: I think we should forgive the fall 2010 and spring 2011, but leave the rest unapproved.

Director Zavala: We will approve the semesters of 2010 fall and 2011 spring for the appeal.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Ayes: 2 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- c. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Jennie Lopez
Director Zavala sought a motion to open discussion for Item 9.c. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Jennie Lopez
Moved by Senator Montero-Garcia, seconded by Senator Cooper

Discussion:

Director Zavala: We will be looking at the KVC sticker appeal for the semesters of 2010 spring, 2010 fall, 2011 spring, 2012 spring, 2012 fall, 2013 spring, 2013 fall, and 2014 spring. I was able to leave a voicemail, however it would've been difficult to get back to me because of how the phone lines work, I also emailed this student but received no response.

Senator Cooper: This student has been attending BC for 8 semesters, nearly 5 years and has apparently not noticed they've been paying for the KVC sticker.

Senator Montero-Garcia: There is only one gap between all of these semesters, I believe we could forgive the freshmen year, just as we did with the previous appeal.

Director Zavala: We will approve the semesters of 2010 spring and 2010 fall.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Ayes: 2 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- d. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Evnice Sandoval
Director Zavala sought a motion to open discussion for Item 9.d. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Evnice Sandoval
Moved by Senator Montero-Garcia, seconded by Senator Cooper

Discussion:

Director Zavala: We will be looking at the KVC sticker appeal for the semester of 2015 spring, 2015 fall, 2016 spring, and 2016 fall. I was able to send a voicemail to this student, as well as send an email but I have not heard back from them since.

Senator Montero-Garcia: Unlike the other appeals, this one only has four semesters so we can appeal one semester if we please, and as a first time student, most aren't aware of all the aid they can find on campus.

Senator Cooper: Advertisement was also at its peak during these semesters, so it would be difficult to not know about the KVC sticker. In my honest opinion, deny all 4 semesters, but I agree that forgiving this student's first semester is fair.

Director Zavala: We will approve the semester of 2015 spring only.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Ayes: 2 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- e. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Lesley Zermeno
Director Zavala sought a motion to open discussion for Item 9.e. ACTION ITEM: Approval of BCSGA/KVC Appeal Lesley Zermeno
Moved by Senator Cooper, seconded by Senator Montero-Garcia

Discussion:

Director Zavala: We will be looking at the KVC sticker appeal for the semesters of, fall 2015, and spring 2016. I did get some explanation from the student, they said that they were never aware the KVC was automatically charged to their account nor did they ever come to get the sticker. All other attempts to get more correspondents have brought no new proof to the table.

Senator Cooper: For the purpose of consistence, I think we should approve the appeal for the spring semester of 2015.

Director Zavala: We will approve the spring semester of 2015 only.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye
Ayes: 2 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

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None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.