

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Thursday, November 11th, 2016

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Fireside Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:47 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

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

The following members were absent: None.

The following members were excused: Senator Cooper

2/3 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.

Director Zavala: The date, Thursday, November 11th, 2016 needs to be changed to Thursday, November 10th, 2016.

Director Zavala sought a motion to approve the amendments to the agenda.

So moved by Senator Montero-Garcia.

The amendments to the agenda have been approved.

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 27th, 2016.

Seeing no correction to the minutes, Director Zavala sought a motion to approve the minutes as is.

So moved by Senator Montero-Garcia.

The minutes have been approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Body on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda.

The Body may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, however, for further information, please contact the BCSGA Vice President for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

None.

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*
The amount of appeals that need to be approved have steadily decreased, most students now are simply paying for the KVC sticker since it is so late in the semester.
- b. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*
No report.

7. 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:

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenzied items are action items upon which the Body may take action. Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair. BCSGA supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide accommodations to people with disabilities attending the meeting. Please call the Office of Student Life at (661) 395-4614 as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation.

Agendas are posted 72 hours before the meetings commences in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Agendas are posted at the BCSGA bulletin board located in the Bakersfield College Campus Center and online at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/bcsga

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Office of Student Life at 661-395-4614 or studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu.



Director Zavala: Last meeting we discussed the parking fee, continuing from there, we will continue discussing parking: there are ways to raise the parking fee if one of two criteria are met, our campus does not meet these criteria. There is also the possibility of reducing the parking fee or exempting low-income students from paying the parking fee if they demonstrate financial need. The money from these fees can be allocated to various areas including parking maintenance, parking staff, the parking meters, security, and Public Safety. Moving on, let continue with transportation fees.

Senator Montero-Garcia: This is the area of the handbook where we can do the most.

Director Zavala: The transportation fee in the handbook states that students and faculty can be required to pay a fee to reduce the fare of common carriers in the public transit system. Only those who utilize the transportation service are required to pay the fee, but the district can charge all employees and students if they decide so or if the majority of employees and students vote by majority to require all students to pay the fee.

Senator Montero-Garcia: This would be a difficult motion to pass, seeing as voter turnout isn't very high.

Director Zavala: Yes, but according to the handbook, for this to pass it only requires 50% majority vote from the total number of voters. The fee may – technically – also be charged to online students. The only obstacle would be calculating the amount each student would have to pay, but I would assume it would only cost 00.50 cents or \$1.00

Senator Montero-Garcia: Could we get this passed this year?

Director Zavala: Very unlikely, because the process of communicating with the GET Bus, agreeing to the deal, holding an election, counting the votes, informing students, and collecting the fees would take some time. However this is a process I think we are willing to undergo if it will help save students money.

Senator Salcido: And when exactly would this fee be collected?

Director Zavala: Registration would be the best time. Continuing forward, low-income students can bypass paying the fee if it proves to be a financial burden, but in all honesty it should not be. If students under the legal age are attending BC then it is the guardian who must pay the fee. Let's continue, the next item in the handbook is the student representation fee, which is currently \$1.00 and is charged to all students on campus. This fee can only be implemented if the number of voters exceeds the previous three student body elections, since the fee goes to the BCSGA funds. Other colleges, like Cerro Coso Community College and Porterville Community College do not have a student representation fee, but according to this they can implement one as long as they've had three student body elections – it is technically a mandatory fee. The fee can also be used to purchase laptops and legislative research. Senator Montero-Garcia, because we are running short on time, could you please relay this information to Senate.

Senator Montero-Garcia: I will share this during Public Comment. The transportation fee and student representation fee and their use in raising our funds. I will also let our sister colleges know about these.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Body on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The Body may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, however, for further information, please contact the BCSGA Vice President for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)
None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.