

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

5 p.m.-6p.m.

Executive Board Room, Campus Center

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### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Senator Montero Garcia, at 5:02 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL\*

*A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting*

**The following members were present:** Chair Montero Garcia, Senator Salcido, and Senator Rodriguez

**The following members were absent:** Senator Bernal, and Senator Graves.

**The following members were excused:** None.

3/5 members are present, quorum has been established, and a bonafide meeting can be held.

### 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

*The Senate will consider any amendments to the agenda.*

In there being no objections, the agenda has been adopted as it stands.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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None.

### 5. APPOINTMENTS OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

*The Senate will consider the following nominations for an Association Office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination. The Senate will consider the names nominated to the Association Office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under Brown Act during consideration of this item. Under Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.*

#### a. Vice chair of Committee on Government Operations

Senator Rodriguez moved to open nominations for vice chair on Government Operations. This was Second by Senator Salcido.

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#### Roll call vote:

Senator Salcido voted Senator Rodriguez for the position of Vice Chair.

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Chair Montero Garcia voted Senator Rodriguez for the position of Vice Chair.

Senator Rodriguez: 2      Senator Salcido: 1

Senator Rodriguez has the majority. Senator Rodriguez has been appointed as Vice Chair on Government Operations.

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## 6. OATH OF OFFICE

*The Parliamentarian shall administer the oath of office for all newly elected positions. The Vice President may shall administer the oath of office for all newly elected senators.*

- a. Vice chair of Committee on Government Operations.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Will commence to read and modify the COBRA over the course of the remaining meetings for the academic calendar.

### Discussion:

Dr. Damania: We need to look at the elections code, due to elections starting up again in January. We want to look for ways to simplify it down. There is a lot of verbiage in there that may be unnecessary. We want to condense it down and make it more sensible. There is a chapter on Elections Commission and the Election Code. Keeping the two chapters as it is, how do we simplify it more for candidates to understand? The second thing is to go through the Finance Department and the Finance Code. Review that with your Director of Finance to make sure everything is good. We may not have Campus Collaborative Action Grants as part of the code. Developing a scholarship foundation is not in the COBRA. There is a chapter in there about branding the association. The old logo is still being used. Director Lyons brought to my attention that the verbiage for decorum is skewed. Revisit how legislation is processed to make sure it is still appropriate for the processes that we carry out. We should have, "days," in the COBRA specified to instructional days. We should have something in the COBRA regarding travel. It is a benefit for being an officer. There should be an explanation as to how an officer is able to travel. We need to look over the Code of Conduct. We will look at what is and what is not needed. We need an attendance policy and the tracking of the attendance of Senators. Chairs need to reinforce the habit of detailing absent and excused members during meetings. That is a must for when roll call is being made so that the secretary can keep track of it. We have not spent a lot of time with the Judiciary component of BCSGA. That whole chapter needs to be reviewed. What is the authority of the Parliamentarian and the Justices? Due to elections coming up fast, the Elections Code should be reviewed soon.

Senator Salcido: Decorum language is only found under the Senate meetings of the COBRA. We need to expand that to all committee and department meetings. Basically, decorum should be included under every section of the COBRA.

Senator Rodriguez: For committee changes, we should go over the process of a Senator changing or removing themselves from the committee. We should make it to the Senator needing to submit a binding resolution so the Senate for committee changes. If the Senator cannot do it, then perhaps the duty falls on the behalf of the Vice President. A template could be made to help this process.

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Ian Juarez: I had a suggestion of allotting certain volunteer hours to have Senators represent in classrooms or out at events. When we have events on campus, I do not see many senators participating in them. If there are Senators participating, it is always the same few.

Senator Rodriguez: When you are asking for the volunteer hours, would that be in conjunction with their work hours or separate? If we would then increase the mandate for the work hours, be it 4 to 6 hours, but out of that only 2 hours of the 6 would be office work and the rest volunteer at outside events?

Ian Juarez: Yes

Senator Salcido: We could modify language that we have in the COBRA concerning Senator volunteer hours to help get this idea going.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

In there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.