Whereas, the role of a community college is to serve the students and the local and state wide community;

Whereas, as an educational institution, we should take special interest in all levels of education;

Whereas, over eighty percent of incoming students to Bakersfield College are enrolling in pre-collegiate courses and twenty-five percent of those students are at least three courses behind;

Whereas, students who are not reading on or above grade level by the third grade have proven to fall behind and commonly struggle in the grades to come;

Whereas, the success of our younger students in the community is vital to the overall success of Bakersfield, Kern County and the state of California;
Whereas, our local elementary schools are not able to allot monies for teacher’s aides and
due to the new Common Core Curriculum, our teachers are held responsible for more
duties and need assistance in the classroom;

Be it resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,

a) We will support our local school districts by Starting an Education Counts
   Campaign* and we will work together with the administration of Bakersfield College
   and of the Kern Community College District, our students and our community in
   order to help support the success and growth of our younger students;

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,

a) As leaders on the Bakersfield College campus and in the communities of
   Bakersfield and Kern County, we will be role models for the students of our home
   communities and help in any way possible to see their success and overall
   achievement for one day they too might be leaders in their community;

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,

a) We respectfully request that the Secretary-Historian transmit a copy of this resolution
   to President and all Vice Presidents of Bakersfield College, the Chancellor of the
   Kern Community College District and to the Board of Trustees for the Kern
   Community College District.
*Education Counts Campaign: We as the Student Government Association of Bakersfield College will work an agreement with our local elementary school districts and with the administration of Bakersfield College and the Kern Community College District to create a volunteer program so that we may provide assistance to our local educators and students. We as members of the Student Government Association will set aside at least one hour a week to volunteer our services at a local elementary or middle school to aide in the classroom if schedule permits. We will hold a forum on campus in order to inform our students of the program so that we may involve as many students as possible.