
DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

Coast Community College District

Regular Meeting of the District Student Council

Friday, April 12, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

Coast Community College District – In Person Meeting

1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

11681 Jewel Lane, Garden Grove, CA 92840

11460 Warner Ave, Room 218, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District Student Council of the Coast Community College District (DSC) will hold a meeting on April 12, 2024. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54955 and 54954.1 (b)(3), the DSC may adjourn, reconvene, and re-adjoin from time to time, as may be necessary to transact the business of the Council. Unfinished items on the agenda may be trailed to the following meeting pending the approval of the Council. Those wishing to address the Council shall be present during public forum and express their concern.

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

This time is reserved for members of the public to address the District Student Council on issues on, or not already appearing on the agenda. A limit of 5 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes per topic will be enforced.

4. Approval of Minutes from the March 8, 2024 DSC meeting (attachment #1)

5. Student Trustee Interviews and Selection Committees Discussion

6. Transcripts Discussion – John Bruning

7. ASG Executive Members Stipend Discussion – John Bruning

8. Student Advocacy Day Washington D.C. - Review

9. Student Advocacy Day Sacramento - Review

10. Service Project - Update

11. Reports

a) General DSC Reports

Officer and Staff Reports (limited to 3 minutes per person)

b) Report from Student Trustee

12. Items for the next agenda

a.

b.

13. Opportunity for Public Comment

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14. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

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Friday, March 8, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Student Trustee John called the meeting to order at 2:49 pm
Quorum was not met. A 2:40 pm the meeting started with item #5 (no quorum).

2. Roll Call

a.) Students:

- John Bruning, Student Trustee – Present
- Dennise Rusk, Coastline College – Remote and voting
- Jon Reuker, Coastline College – Remote and not voting, Depart at 2:59 pm
- Darla Nunez, Golden West College – Remote and Present
- Breanna Berrera, Golden West College - Absent
- Mathew Gonzales, Golden West College – Present
- Carla Santoyo, Golden West College (Alternate) – Present
- Amberly Truong, Golden West College - Present
- Tom Nakatomi, Orange Coast College - Present
- Savannah Garcia, Orange Coast College- Present, Arrived at 2:42 pm

b.) In person quorum was met at 2:42pm

3. Opportunity for Public Comment – no Public Comment

4. Approval of Minutes from the February 9, 2024 DSC meeting (attachment #1)

On a motion by Dennise and seconded by Savanah the minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Welcome Guest Speaker Joseph Melo, Senior Associate at Townsend Public Affairs

- Joseph works with Casey Elliott in the Washington DC office; Casey works in Sacramento
- Originally from Lordi Northern California (in between Sacramento and San Fransico)
- Worked at Townsend Public Affairs a little over a year now
 - Previously was a policy advisor on Capitol Hill with his hometown congressman Jerry McNerney, who retired, with his office for many years.
- Education and career journey began at UC Berkley when he was an undergrad, ended up getting an internship in a congressional office (District office of Nancy Pelosi - one summer).
- Worked many jobs prior to Capitol Hill.
- Everyone starts out as an intern then moves up the later

- Intern to staff assistance to legislative correspondence (different routes from Policy, Communications or Press)
 - Went the Policy route
- President Biden gave state of Union address last night (3/7)
 - Keeping government funded and funding it for next school year
 - Funding every year
- Higher education:
 - Some movement on this issue
 - Bipartisan workforce Pell Bill
 - Getting taken off the floor for other measures
 - Expands Pell Grant eligibility to short term workforce programs
 - Changes:
 - Industry
 - Economy demands
 - Stronger workforce for America Act
 - Reauthorize the workforce innovation opportunity act
 - Funding for training, workforce training at all colleges and beyond

6. Student Advocacy Day Washington D.C. - Update

- Dates: March 15-19, 2024
- Policy or career in Politics
- Monday March 18th (Joseph and Townsend will join Coast District)
- Personal Life story will stick (Monday March 18th), Offices with Senator Lofonza Butler (Newest California Senator), Representative Michelle Steele office and Senator Alexandria's office. Capitol tour in between meetings
- Most of time in House and Senate office buildings. House and Senate floors in Capitol
- Tuesday, March 19th library commerce tour
- Waiting to potentially to reschedule a meeting with office Katie Porter
- Meetings with Michelle Steel office
- Library office tour Tuesday, March 19th
- First meeting scheduled for 11:30 am with Senator Butler's Office

7. Student Advocacy Day Sacramento - Update

- Tuesday April 9th 2024 (Single Day)
- Similar to Advocacy Washington DC trip
- Meeting with Legislators staff
- State capital under construction
- Legislative office is now a block away due to the capital being under construction
- Swing place is tighter and smaller
- Hallway and lobby meetings
- Guest speakers in morning (Policy Perspective and Budgetary Perspectives) and afternoon (Swing spaces)
- Legislative and staff know bill numbers
- Make personal connections and how they will affect us as students
- Explain what and how they affect students
- 2 weeks out for a confirmed schedule from April 9th.
- Talk about State budget conversations and how they might impact students on a student's lens
 - Adjustment of Cal Grant Program from ABC to Cal Grant 2/Cal Grant 4
 - Cuts... \$78B deficit of \$60B deficit cuts here and there and how they impact students?

8. Service Project - Update

- Grey Whale washed up on shore and will get to inspect (Miane Biologist majors)
- 40 students from GWC
- Date set: Sunday April 21 9-12 pm at Bolsa Chica Wetlands
- More things need to be update with new information
 - Student name, email and what college
- Transportation: Bus (limited to 50 Seats) or drop off due to lack of parking
- District is providing lunch
- To reserve a bus, we need 25 people minimum and max 50 people
- Project holds 70 people as a cut off
- Refundable deposit of \$5 and if shows up the students gets the \$5 back (example)
- Location meets up: GWC at 8:30 am
- An advisor per college should be present
- Back to campus at 1 pm

9. Reports

a. General DSC Reports

Officer and Staff Reports (limited to 3 minutes per person)

- Golden West:
 - Women's Month Panel moderated by Vice President of Student Advocacy
 - Application open on the March 1st (Student Government)
 - Fund X for discounts
- OCC:
 - Report from President Madison Harris given to her student on her behalf
 - 2 vacancies and appointments filled
 - Vice President Student Senate
 - Working on the college service charge to increase current price of \$31
 - Plan to be presented and implemented Fall 2024 to Board of Trustee
 - March 12th Meet and Greet at 12-2:30pm
 - March 20th Annual Town Hall
- Coastline:
 - 2 will be attending D.C
 - 2 will attend General Assembly
 - Approved funding for 3 students to go to Kenya, Africa with Dr Henry (Professor of Anatomy and Physiology)
 - March 22nd Knott's Berry Farm Trip funded by ASG
 - Passed a Resolution on Academic Senate

b. Report from Student Trustee

- No report

10. Items for the next agenda

- Debrief on Washington DC and Sacramento
- April 1st Application for Student Trustee will open

11. Opportunity for Public Comment - No public comment

12. Adjournment Meeting adjourned 3:41 pm