
DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Regular Meeting of the District Student Council
February 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Board Conference Room
1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Organizational Items

1. Call to Order

Student Trustee Eichman called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Eichman led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Members Present:

Stephanie Eichman, Student Trustee/Chair
Jessica Riestra, Student Representative, Orange Coast College (arrived late)
Javier Venegas, Vice Chair, Golden West College
Juan Partida, Student Representative, Orange Coast College
Don Pham, Student Representative, Coastline Community College
Chris Nguyen, Student Representative Coastline Community College
Jose Ruiz, Student Representative, Coastline Community College
Lina Nguyen, Student Representative, Coastline Community College
Miguel Cruz, Student Representative, Orange Coast College
Shaniah Branson, Student Representative, Golden West College

Also In Attendance:

Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, Trustee
Jane Burton, Interim Board Secretary
Jenny Borja, Coastline Community College
Dr. Julie Nguyen, Orange Coast College Advisor
Mike Morvice, Orange Coast College Advisor
Mary Avalos, Golden West College Advisor
Frank Cirioni, Golden West College
Tiana Smith, Golden West College

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no requests to address the District Student Council during Public Comment.

5. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of January 13, 2017

On a motion by Javier Venegas, seconded by Juan Partida, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2017.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Stephanie Eichman, Javier Venegas, Chris Nguyen, Jose Ruiz, Miguel Cruz, Don Pham, Shaniah Branson, Lina Nguyen, and Juan Partida
No:	None
Absent:	Humza Chohan, Jessica Riestra

6. DSC Leadership Training

Board Clerk, Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, provided brief training to the DSC on Leadership.

7. Legislation/Student Advocacy Day

The Council discussed specific California legislation to be advocated on Student Advocacy Day based on some suggested bills provided by Townsend Public Affairs.

On a motion by Javier Venegas, seconded by Shaniah Branson, the Council voted to address AB 17 (Holden) Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced Fare Transit Passes.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Stephanie Eichman, Jessica Riestra, Javier Venegas, Chris Nguyen, Don Pham, Shaniah Branson, Jose Ruiz, Lina Nguyen, and Juan Partida
No:	Miguel Cruz
Absent:	Humza Chohan

On a motion by Miguel Cruz, seconded by Javier Venegas, the Council voted to address AB 960 (Brough) Sales and Use Tax: Exemptions Textbooks.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Stephanie Eichman, Jessica Riestra, Javier Venegas, Miguel Cruz, Don Pham, Shaniah Branson, Jose Ruiz, Lina Nguyen, and Juan Partida
No:	Chris Nguyen
Absent:	Humza Chohan

On a motion by Javier Venegas, seconded by Miguel Cruz, the Council voted to address SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards, as a back up.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Stephanie Eichman, Jessica Riestra, Javier Venegas, Miguel Cruz, Don Pham, Shaniah Branson, Chris Nguyen, Lina Nguyen, and Juan Partida
No:	Jose Ruiz
Absent:	Humza Chohan

The format for Student Advocacy Day was discussed, with students being assigned to three tracks to meet with various Assembly Members and Senators, to discuss the bills. Javier Venegas made a motion that each college concentrate on one bill and share information. The motion failed due to no second.

8. 2016-2017 District Student Council Calendar

The 2016-2017 DSC Calendar was reviewed. The date for Interviews for Student Trustee 2017-18 was changed to May 12, 2017 due to a conflict with General Assembly.

9. District Town Hall

Council agreed to hold off on any plans to hold a District Town Hall and that student government would discuss holding Town Halls at the campuses.

10. District Student Council Web Page

Updating the DSC web page was discussed. Photos of DSC would be taken at the end of the meeting and Don Pham would contact the Board Office to arrange a time to go into the office to add them to the web page with contact information.

11. Student Trustee Election Process

Board Policy 2015 Student Member, Board of Trustees, was reviewed. All questions to be asked need to be pre-approved by Human Resources. Chair Eichman indicated she would provide samples of questions that have been previously asked at the March 17th meeting.

12. Future Agenda Items

No new items were proposed.

13. Reports

a. Student Government Activity Reports

Students gave updates on their respective campus activities. Staff members gave reports.

b. Report from the Student Trustee

Chair Eichman updated the Council on the actions of the Board of Trustees and Region.

14. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Council adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.