
DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

Coast Community College District Regular Meeting of the District Student Council

Friday April 10, 2020

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Student Trustee Finkbeiner called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Spencer Finkbeiner, Student Trustee, CCCD
Alex Loniak, Representative, OCC
Toby Venegas, Student Representative, GWC
Manny Leon, Student Representative, GWC
Matija Jancic, Student Representative, GWC
David Sierra, Student Representative, GWC
Carmen Chavez, Student Representative, OCC
Aziz Abbasov, Student Representative, OCC
Sam Ababa, Student Representative, CCC
Vicky Miller, Student Representative, CCC

Also in Attendance:

Mary Avalos, Advisor, GWC
Kasie Hipp, Advisor, CCC
Frank Cirioni, Advisor, GWC
Dr. Julie Nguyen, Advisor, OCC
Jane Burton, Manager, Board Secretary
Dr. John Weispfenning, Chancellor
Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, Trustee

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Guest Speaker – Chancellor John Weispfenning

The Chancellor spoke about the campus closures, which occurred out of an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that approximately 3,000 classes were converted to remote technology online formats. At the same time, conversions were taking place for classified staff and managers to work from home. He added that Summer 2020 sessions would also be impacted with all classes conducted online. The fall semester class formats were still under review.

The Chancellor asked for questions from Council members, and various topics were discussed including the possible Pass/No Pass policy, the stress of online tests, refund options and the possibility of professors easing workloads. The Chancellor reminded students to relay specific concerns to faculty members or Deans.

Database and website resources available online to students, and graduation ceremonies were also discussed. The Chancellor noted that each college traditionally holds a different type of ceremony, and the campuses were currently discussing how to best recognize their students under the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Council thanked the Chancellor for attending the meeting, and for his video format weekly messages to the students.

5. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2020 and March 6, 2020

Aziz Abbasov moved to approve the March 6, 2020 meeting minutes with the correction of his name spelling, which was seconded by Carmen Chavez. The motion passed, all in favor with one abstention from David Sierra.

Sam Ababa moved to approve the February 21, 2020 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Carmen Chavez. The motion passed, all in favor with one abstention from David Sierra.

6. Student Advocacy Day Update

Student Trustee Finkbeiner gave a brief update on the success of the student advocacy day event in Sacramento.

7. Student Trustee Election

As Student Trustee Finkbeiner's term would end on May 31, it was necessary to form a selection committee for interviews to be held at the May 8, 2020 meeting.

OCC: Alex Loniak moved to elect Aziz Abbasov to the selection committee for OCC. Carmen Chavez seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

Aziz Abbasov moved to elect Carmen Chavez to the selection committee for OCC. Sam Ababa seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

GWC: Sam Ababa moved to elect Toby Venegas to the selection committee for GWC. Carmen Chavez seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

Sam Ababa moved to elect David Sierra to the selection committee for GWC. Carmen Chavez seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

CCC: Sam Ababa moved to elect Vicky Miller to the selection committee for CCC. Carmen Chavez seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

Carmen Chavez moved to elect Sam Ababa to the selection committee for CCC. Aziz Abbasov seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

8. 2019-20 District Student Council Calendar

It was noted that the Community Service Project for care packages was cancelled due to COVID-19. The final meeting of the year was scheduled for May 8, 2020 and would include the selection of the new Student Trustee.

9. Future Agenda Items

- a) Selection of the new Student Trustee

10. Reports

a) General DSC Reports

Campuses reported on their respective campus activities.

b) Report from the Student Trustee

Student Trustee Finkbeiner offered comments and thanks to the students to be safe and well during the challenging time.

11. Opportunity for Public Comment

David Sierra offered a public comment from an undisclosed student email requesting public notice regarding the summer 2020 session formats.

Trustee Lorraine Prinsky expressed regret that many of the regular annual May events for students had been cancelled. Trustee Prinsky expressed how proud she was of the way the colleges were moving ahead during the trying time of transition.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by Aziz Abbasov, seconded by Sam Ababa, the Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.