

DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

Coast Community College District

Regular Meeting of the District Student Council

Friday, September 3, 2021

Zoom Meeting

M I N U T E S

1. Call to Order

Student Trustee Sahachaisere called the meeting to order at 2:31 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Alex Gonzales, Student Representative, GWC

Kaly Mendoza, Student Representative, GWC

Jose Fuentes-Perez, Student Representative, GWC

Nardeen Gerges, Student Representative, GWC

Sarah Guidroz, Student Representative, OCC

Sarah Bennani, Student Representative, OCC

Sierra Wisner, Student Representative, OCC

Carmen Ibarra-Nacho, Student Representative, CCC

Spencer Bradley, Student Representative, CCC

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Julie Nguyen, Advisor, OCC

Mike Morvice, Advisor, OCC

Mary Avalos, Advisor, GWC

Rene Gutierrez, Advisor, CCC

Trustee Lorraine Prinsky

Jane Burton, Board Secretary/Advisor, District

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Welcome and Introductions

5. Guest Speaker, Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor Educational Services and Technology

Vice Chancellor Serban provided a District Operations Overview covering the relationship between the District and the three colleges. She also stressed the importance of the student voice and mentioned opportunities for students' involvement in district-wide participatory governance, beyond District Student Council.

6. Officer Elections

Alex Gonzales made a motion, seconded by Sarah Bennani for the following positions on the DSC Executive Student Committee. The motion passed without objection.

Sarah Guidroz, OCC	-	Vice Chair
Jose Fuentes-Perez, GWC	-	Secretary
Spencer Bradley, CCC	-	Public Relations Officer

Student representation on the District Consultation Council Subcommittees was discussed (Board Policy/Administrative Procedure Subcommittee, Technology Subcommittee and Budget Subcommittee), and a schedule of upcoming meetings was shared. As no members of District Student Council were able to serve on these committees, it was agreed that these opportunities would be discussed at each college's ASG meetings.

7. Goals for 2021-22 District Student Council and Student Trustee

Some goals mentioned were:

- Unity, all campuses working together
- Safe environment now that students are gradually coming back on campus
- Making sure the students have a voice on vaccine mandates
- Competency based education/CTE credits

Student Trustee Sahachaisere also briefly covered DSC policy BP 2900, specifically the procedure for student government to present issues to the Board of Trustees.

8. 2021-22 Calendar

The calendar was reviewed, the next meeting will be on Friday, October 15.

Suggestions made for topics for guest speakers were mental health/substance abuse treatments, and legislation for community colleges. For community projects the wildfires, Bolsa Chica wetlands, vaccine awareness in community, Afghanistan war/veterans were all suggested. Send any ideas to the Student Trustee and this will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

The Student Trustee suggested training on creating resolutions.

9. Review, Discuss and Possible Action on AB 1456 Student Financial Aid: The Cal Grant Reform Act

Student Trustee Sahachaisere shared a link and asked everyone to review and consider supporting this bill that would expand the criteria and eligibility for more students.

10. Future Agenda Items:

- a) Further discussion on guest speakers – mental health/substance abuse
- b) Advocacy
- c) Further discussion on possible community projects

- d) Resolution training
- e) Discussion on protocols regarding vaccine mandates

11. Reports

Members of DSC provided updates on activities, training and initiatives at their campuses. The Student Trustee also gave a report and shared his desire for DSC meetings to be informal and engaging, and reiterated how he welcomes feedback and suggestions.

12. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. by a motion by Alex Gonzales, seconded by Kaly Mendoza. The motion passed without objection.