
DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

Coast Community College District

Regular Meeting of the District Student Council

Friday, December 3, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Student Trustee Sahachaisere called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Kaly Mendoza, Student Representative, GWC
Nardeen Gerges, Student Representative, GWC
Jose Fuentes-Perez, Student Representative, GWC
Sarah Guidroz, Student Representative, OCC
Sierra Wisner, Student Representative, OCC

Also in Attendance:

Mary Avalos, Advisor, GWC
Dr. Julie Nguyen, Advisor, OCC
Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, Trustee
Jennifer Daniels, Board Office
Jane Burton, Board Secretary/Advisor, District

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Discussion on Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Housing and Food Insecurity.

Larry Valentine, Director of Mental Health Services, OCC, shared the services available at Orange Coast College and some of the major issues being seen currently at the student health center, including the outreach being done with students at The Harbor and the isolation issues caused by the pandemic.

Brandan Soltes from *Be Well OC* gave an overview of *Be Well* and provided a presentation of efforts being made to confront the mental health crisis, specifically being experienced in Orange County during the Covid-19 pandemic, and covered some of the current initiatives and community resources available.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of both Mr. Valentine and Mr. Soltes.

5. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2021 DSC Meeting

Student Representative of Orange Coast College, Sarah Guidroz, moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2021 DSC Meeting. Student Representative of Orange Coast College, Sierra Wisner, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on 2021-2022 District Student Council Calendar

Student Representative from Orange Coast College, Sarah Guidroz, provided a brief update and action plan for the upcoming months to be undertaken by the Information and Awareness Committee. Sarah also suggested a possible speaker at a future meeting could be a representative from TACO (Trojan Awareness Combatting Overdose), and offered to contact their CEO and report at the next DSC meeting.

Student Trustee Sahachaisere reported that he had spoken to VP Janet Houlihan regarding utilizing the GWC Swap-meet for outreach to the community, and would also reach out to VP Rich Pagel at Orange Coast College; he shared that he was optimistic this would move forward.

District Board Secretary/Advisor, Jane Burton, provided a brief explanation of the community project at Bolsa Chica Wetlands. A Friday morning in February or March was proposed. Student Trustee Sahachaisere indicated further discussion should take place at the next DSC meeting and a date set if there is interest in this project.

Guest speakers scheduled to attend the February meeting would present on Competency Based Education.

Bringing a speaker to share mentorship opportunities was suggested as a possibility by Student Trustee Sahachaisere. He asked for any additional ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. Update on OCC Mental Health/Harm Reduction Sub-Committee
- b. Presenter from TACO (Sarah Guidroz)
- c. Advocacy Options
- d. Community Project(s)

8. Reports

a) General DSC Reports

Student Representative of Golden West College, Kaly Mendoza, reported that they were pursuing the creation of an outreach booth and solar panel tables. They were also working on the spring calendar of events, and were in the process of creating their fiscal budget for 2022-23. Additionally, they would be hosting a Zen Fest Week during the last week of the semester for students to come out and enjoy some relaxing activities during this busy time.

Student Representatives of Orange Coast College, Sierra Wisner and Sarah Guidroz, reported that they were looking to fill positions and complete some planned events on campus, including the Angel Tree outreach, Student Government Social and Trivia. Also, OCC Student Senate had recently passed a resolution to call for students to begin testing a week prior to the start of the semester, and Trustee Prinsky provided commentary to bring clarity to the situation.

Student Trustee Sahachaisere spoke about the importance of recruiting students to our colleges, and reaching out to new students and getting them involved in student government and on campus.

9. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.