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# DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

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**Coast Community College District**  
**Regular Meeting of the District Student Council**  
**Friday, April 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting**

## **M I N U T E S**

**1. Call to Order**

Student Trustee, Roy Sahachaisere, called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Nardeen Gerges, Student Representative, GWC  
Jose Fuentes-Perez, Student Representative, GWC  
Lalo Velasco, Student Representative, GWC  
Sarah Bennani, Student Representative, OCC  
Sarah Guidroz, Student Representative, OCC  
Sierra Wisner, Student Representative, OCC  
Spencer Bradley, Student Representative, CCC

Also in Attendance:

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

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**4. Authorization under Brown Act, Government Code 54953(e) for Conducting DSC Meetings Remotely Due to the Covid-19 Emergency Because Meeting in Person Would Present Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees**

Student Representative of Golden West College, Nardeen Gerges, moved that the state of emergency continued to impact the ability to meet safely in person. Student Representative of Orange Coast College, Sarah Guidroz, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**5. Guest Speaker – Chancellor John Weispfenning**

Chancellor Weispfenning shared a recap of the Covid-19 mitigation strategies the District had put in place, including the vaccination and mask mandates, the testing protocol, and the necessity to move to mostly online classes. The Chancellor also shared his thoughts on where we may be headed, and responded to questions. He added that he welcomed receiving feedback and shared his e-mail address.

**6. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2022 DSC Meeting**

Student Representative of Coastline College, Spencer Bradley, moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2022 DSC Meeting as corrected. Student Representative of Golden West College, Nardeen Gerges, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

#### **7. Student Trustee Election 2022-23**

Student Trustee Sahachaisere gave an overview of the process, his role as Student Trustee, and encouraged students to consider applying. Interviews were scheduled for May 6. The following representatives from each campus were selected to serve on the selection committee:

OCC – Sarah Bennani and Sierra Wisner  
GWC – Nardeen Gerges and Lalo Velasco  
CCC – Spencer Bradley

A brief meeting would be scheduled by Jane Burton with the selection committee to review protocols, questions etc.

#### **8. Discussion and Possible Action on Ways to Stand in Solidarity with Refugee Students**

After discussion, Spencer Bradley, Sarah Guidroz and Roy Sahachaisere volunteered to form a Student Refugee Information Gathering Committee to get a better understanding of the application process for international/refugee students, and to see if there were options for scholarships etc. Spencer offered to serve as Chair and schedule an initial meeting. It was hoped that this committee could obtain basic information that could be helpful for next year's DSC. Possible pending legislation regarding assisting refugee students to enroll in community colleges was mentioned and Jane Burton indicated she would reach out to Casey Elliott at Townsend.

#### **9. Update on the Resolution by Coastline College to Stand in Solidarity with Disabled Students**

Spencer Bradley shared a resolution that Coastline had recently passed, standing in solidarity with disabled students, and indicated that they were sharing this at OCC and GWC ASG meetings in the hope they could work on a joint resolution. Trustee Prinsky and Roy Sahachaisere agreed that this resolution could be presented to the Board of Trustees at an upcoming Board meeting. Trustee Prinsky added that it could be also be shared at the next Board Legislative Affairs Committee and the Orange County Legislative Task Force.

#### **10. Update on Options for Community Projects:**

a) GWC Advisor Mary Avalos gave an update on the Bolsa Chica community project scheduled for April 23, 2022. Members of DSC were encouraged to sign up if they were interested in participating. DSC would be sponsoring boxed lunches.

b) Student Trustee Sahachaisere reported that, unfortunately due to the commitment needed and the timing, DSC would not be moving forward with the proposed project to disseminate COVID information at the OCC and GWC swap-meets.

#### **11. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Update from the Student Refugee Information Gathering Committee
- b. Update from GWC on safe parking program resolution
- c. Update from OCC on resolution to combat student overdoses

#### **12. Reports**

##### **a) General DSC Reports**

Student Representative for OCC, Sierra Wisner, reported they had many events coming up, including an event on drug awareness and mental health. There were currently open positions for next year's

ASG, and they had reopened some senate positions. They were excited for commencements and honors night.

Student Representative for GWC, Nardeen Gerges, reported that they had attended the American Student Association of Community Colleges National Student Advocacy Conference, and the Student Senate for California Community Colleges General Assembly, which were great experiences. They had received some applications for executive council. There were several events coming up including a voter fair.

Student Representative for CCC, Spencer Bradley, reported that they had put a lot of effort into the student disability resolution. They were also in the middle of the application process for elections, finalizing a date for drive in movie night, and winding down this semester.

**b) Report from the Student Trustee**

Student Trustee Sahachaisere reported that he was currently serving on the Chancellor's Search Committee, and had been on some CBE platforms at Coastline. He had also been involved in letter writing advocacy on several bills including SB 1080 and AB 1746. He thanked everyone for their effort and support this past year.

**13. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Spencer Bradley addressed the counsel to remind everyone to vote in the California primary election.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.