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# DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

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## Coast Community College District

### Regular Meeting of the District Student Council

Friday, March 11, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Student Trustee, Roy Sahachaisere, called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Kaly Mendoza, Student Representative, GWC  
Nardeen Gerges, Student Representative, GWC  
Jose Fuentes-Perez, Student Representative, GWC  
Sarah Bennani, Student Representative, OCC  
Sierra Wisner, Student Representative, OCC  
Natalie Darakjian, 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  
Julie Clevenger, Dir. Chancellor's Office/Government Relations  
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 Coastline College, Spencer Bradley, moved that the state of emergency continued to impact the ability to meet safely in person. Student Representative of Golden West College, Kaly Mendoza, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

### 5. Guest Speaker – Townsend Public Affairs

Casey Elliott, Vice President of Townsend Public Affairs, joined the meeting and provided an overview of the legislative process, some details of the Governor's January budget proposal, and opportunities for advocacy. Mr. Elliott noted that the State Chancellor's Office was monitoring approximately 200 community college related bills and gave some background on some specific bills that he felt would be of interest:

**AB 1602** (McCarty) California State Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022 that would fund affordable student housing;

**AB 1746** (Medina) Cal Grant Reform Act that would get more resources to a broader range of students with a focus on those with a financial need; it would loosen some restrictions related to GPA.

**AB 2122** (Choi) Mental Health that would mandate mental health hotlines with the hotline phone number included on all student ID cards.

Mr. Elliott also touched on **SB 1080**, being sponsored by the Coast District. This would ensure community colleges were invited to participate in high school college and career fairs to ensure all students were fully aware of all the pathways open to them.

Mr. Elliott shared opportunities for advocacy such as testifying at hearings, meeting in person with committee staff (currently via zoom or by phone) and letter writing. He shared the link to an online letter portal and offered his assistance, and also added that templates were often available in the legislator's office. Mr. Elliott answered questions and shared his PowerPoint presentation.

#### **6. Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2022 DSC Meeting**

Student Representative of Coastline College, Spencer Bradley, moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2022 DSC Meeting. Student Trustee, Roy Sahachaisere, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

#### **7. Discussion on Effects of Covid-19/Mandates at the Campuses, and the Best Ways to Help the Different Student Populations**

Spencer Bradley shared that Coastline ASG was creating a resolution that would stand in solidarity with the disabled student population, to increase inclusion and equity. Kaly Mendoza and Sierra Wisner indicated that they would be interested in supporting this and possibly working on a joint resolution for the 3 colleges. Roy indicated that DSC would also support this.

Jose Fuentes-Perez shared that GWC was seeing a lot of students back on campus, actively involved, even though some students preferred to take classes on line – overall things seemed to be going smoothly. He indicated he had not heard any concerns being shared by disabled students, and added that DSPS was doing a really good job addressing individual needs.

Nardeen Gerges also shared for GWC that students seemed on the whole to be positive, were engaged, and felt safe. Some students preferred to take online courses and there were some concerns because masking was not mandatory in outside areas.

Student Trustee Roy Sahachaisere said he welcomed feedback that he could share with the Board of Trustees.

#### **8. Discussion and Possible Action on 2021-2022 District Student Council Calendar**

##### **a. Community Project Updates**

Student Trustee Sahachaisere reported that the Information & Awareness Committee project to provide information at the GWC and OCC swap-meets was currently on hold. He indicated that it would need commitment by students to be available on weekends to hand out information packets. Nardeen Gerges shared that she would be willing to participate. Roy indicated he would reach out again to Sarah Guidroz who had offered to put together the information packet.

April 23, 2022 from 9 – 12 noon GWC was planning a Bolsa Chica Wetlands service project to do habitat restoration. Advisor Mary Avalos indicated she was working with the OCC and CCC advisors. A bus would be available for transportation and sign-ups would be available for all three colleges. Roy Sahachaisere asked DSC reps to share this opportunity at their ASG meetings.

**b. Future Guest Speakers/Presentations:**

Chancellor John Weispenning would join the April meeting. Roy Sahachaisere indicated he would reach out to Sarah Guidroz who had indicated she may be able to arrange for a speaker from TACO.

**c. Student Trustee Election 2022-23.**

The Student Trustee application would open up on April 1 – 15<sup>th</sup>. All applicants meeting minimum requirements would be invited for interview. At the next DSC meeting, representatives from each campus would need to be selected to serve on the selection committee.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Refugee students - Stand of solidarity

**10. Reports**

**a) General DSC Reports**

Sierra Wisner reported for OCC that the student union ribbon cutting was scheduled for Thursday March 17. ASGOCC was planning activities for students to get them onto campus. Folks seemed to be happy to be back and were settling in. Sierra indicated she hadn't heard any negative comments about being on campus.

Kaly Mendoza reported for GWC that they held a Welcome Back Week with outreach booths and classroom presentations, given out student success bags, and also held an in- person club expo. They were currently working on the spring newsletter and ASG had elections taking place.

Spencer Bradley reported Coastline ASG was focusing on the resolution. They also had a new campus club senator who was creating polls to ascertain interest in new clubs. Dr. Kate Mueller was currently their new ASG Advisor.

**b) Report from the Student Trustee**

Student Trustee Sahachaisere thanked Casey Elliott for taking the time to address DSC. He encouraged students to attend a board meeting (virtually) and noted that at the next meeting the Board would review the 2030 Vision. He added that he felt students seemed to be transitioning well.

**11. Opportunity for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.