

DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL
Coast Community College District
Regular Meeting of the District Student Council
Friday, May 13, 2022 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:

Nardeen Gerges, Student Representative, GWC
Jose Fuentes-Perez, Student Representative, GWC
Lalo Velasco, Student Representative, GWC
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 Coastline College, Spencer Bradley, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2022 DSC and May 6, 2022 DSC Meeting

Student Representative of Orange Coast College, Sarah Guidroz, moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2022 DSC Meeting. Student Representative of Coastline College, Spencer Bradley, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Student Representative of Golden West College, Nardeen Gerges, moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2022 DSC meeting. Student Representative of Orange Coast College, Sarah Guidroz, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

6. Update from the Student Refugee Information Committee

The Committee had not been able to meet. As this was the last meeting of the year, Student Representative Spencer Bradley moved to continue this item for consideration by the 2022-23 District Student Council. Student Trustee Roy Sahachaisere seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Golden West College's Safe Parking Program Resolution

GWC Student Representative Lalo Velasco brought forward a resolution for District Student Council's endorsement regarding the GWC Safe Parking Program. He indicated that this was similar to a resolution supported by GWC Associated Students to allow students to park on campus at night, with restroom access, a security guard and social services resources. OCC Student Representative Sarah Guidroz mentioned that prior to the pandemic students had been allowed to sleep in the OCC parking lot and use shower facilities.

District Student Council was unable to act on the resolution as it had not gone through the proper channels for endorsement/support at GWC or the other campuses. It was recommended that this go back to GWC ASG in the Fall semester for review by all constituent groups (including President's Cabinet, College Council, Planning, Campus Safety, etc), and then also shared with the CCC and OCC ASGs. Once that had taken place it could be brought back to District Student Council for consideration. GWC Advisor Mary Avalos noted that this was the process used previously for the smoke free campus resolution – all colleges had approved and then it was acted on at DSC. She recommended that Therese Grande, Lalo's advisor, could also be included to guide it through the process.

Lalo was credited for the work he had done to date, and the importance of following the process was stressed - especially due to the implications of potential cost and policy development that would be necessary for implementation of such a resource.

8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Orange Coast College's Resolution to Combat Student Overdoses

OCC Student Representative, Sarah Guidroz, shared a resolution to combat student overdoses. The resolution would require OCC to provide Fentanyl testing strips and Naloxone (Narcan) directly to students for overdose prevention. Currently, she indicated that Narcan was provided to health center staff and Campus Safety. Sarah mentioned the option of OCC partnering with TACO (Trojan Awareness Combatting Overdose).

CCC Student Representative Spencer Bradley suggested it be shared at SSSCC student senate for broader advocacy at a regional and state level. He also suggested that students could be provided with a list of resources of harm reduction programs that neighboring cities offered.

Sarah indicated that this resolution had been passed by OCC ASG but she had been unsuccessful to date in presenting it to the other constituent groups such as Academic Senate and President's Cabinet, apparently because of legal concerns. Sarah said that she had already spoken to Jim Rudy and presented it to his group, and they were supportive.

Again, it was suggested that this would need to go through the correct process before coming to District Student Council.

9. Reports

a) General DSC Reports

Trustee Prinsky touched on the increase in COVID numbers at the campuses and noted they would be watching the OC numbers. She also mentioned Trustee Grant's resignation and the move to find someone to fill his seat through the end of his term.

Jose Fuentes-Perez extended an open invitation for communication in his new role as Student Trustee.

Spencer Bradley reported that Jessica Lopez would be the new VP of Coastline's ASG, and reminded everyone to vote in the primary election.

Nardeen Gerges reported that GWC held their Pass the Gavel and scholarship events, and there were many celebrations currently taking place on the campus.

Sierra Wisner reported that OCC held Honors Night. Officer applications were currently open. Coming up was an ASG Banquet, Commencement and a Carnival.

b) Report from the Student Trustee

Outgoing Student Trustee Roy Sahachaisere thanked everyone for their involvement in student government and said it had been an honor to work with them.

10. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM.