
DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the District Student Council

February 9, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- a.) Student Trustee John called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.

2. Roll Call

- a.) Students:

- John Bruning, Student Trustee – Present
- Dennise Rusk, Coastline College – Remote and voting
- Jon Reuker, Coastline College – Remote and not voting
- Darla Nunez, Golden West College – Present
- Breanna Berrera, Golden West College - Present
- Mathew Gonzales, Golden West College – Present
- Carla Santoyo, Golden West College (Alternate) -- Present
- Tom Nakatomi, Orange Coast College - Present
- Savannah Garcia, Orange Coast College- Present, Arrived at 2:42pm

- b.) In person quorum was met

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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- No public comment

4. Welcome New Board Secretary, Ricky Goetz

- Interim Board Secretary for 6 months
- Came from Seattle, Washington to do the same position at Seattle Columbus, New District
- Worked at OCC for 3 years

5. Guest Speaker Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs

- Advocacy firm
 - Offices located from Orange County, Central Valley, Bay areas, Sacramento to Washington DC.
 - Federal and state legislation from policy and funding aspect
 - Work with local public agencies, Community Colleges, cities, counties, water etc.
- 12 registered State lobbyist in California and 10 registered lobbyists in Washington DC
- Little over 17 years; started at 4 years old, previously worked at California with Senator Tom Umberg
- Went to UC Davis, senior interned at Assembly desk
- No right or wrong way in entering lobbyist
- Have people skills, and be able to multitask, and a good problem solver
- March 1st fiscal house in order located in DC – last year bills (difficult to pass bills)

- Policy bills discussed up to 2025 to change policy
- Sacramento is starting to get going (2-year of a 2-year session)
 - Bill Introduce deadline is February 16; 2,500 bills for consideration deadline is August 31 (end of session)
 - State budget is an overriding issue that will impact all policies (i.e. Community Colleges)
 - Cal Grant 2 to Cal Grant 4 is \$5 Million for the state (Cal Grant reform, simpler only 2 applications – 1 for CC and 1 – 4-years)
 - Student housing want to do but limited in funding
 - 1500 introduced already
 - AB 1818 is introduced (homeless student parking lots); last introduced was 5 years ago
 - AB 1855 (teleconference under Brown Act – only for student body not given to Board of Trustees; multi-colleges district)
 - AB 2104 and SB 895: Pilot program for 15 districts - BA in nursing for community colleges (BA degrees in nursing was offered 8-9 years ago)
 - Can't overlap with CSU/UC programs
 - Healthcare was on a decline (present day)/shortage of healthcare workers
 - \$60 million dollars were allocated for nursing majors (Governor's budget in theory)

6. Approval of Minutes from the November 17, 2023, DSC meeting (attachment #1)

- On a motion by Darla and seconded by Savannah. Roll Call was passed and vote was approved unanimously.

7. Service Event – Planning (attachment #2a & #2b)

- Dates in question are Sunday March 3, Saturday March 23; Sunday April 7, Saturday April 20; Sunday May 5, Saturday May 25
- Some students would do planting and some students would cleanup
- Deadline: Feb. 29th to confirm date
- Officially date Sunday April 21st 8 am - 12 pm at Bolsa Chica Wetlands
 - District will provide lunch if lunch isn't provided
 - Open to Coast District students

8. Reports

a) General DSC Reports

- Coastline:
 - Upcoming Events:
 - a** Black History Month
 - b** Comedy
 - Working on an Academic Senate Resolution
 - Preparing for DC Trip
 - Knotts Berry Farm Trip
 - a** Firm date set: March 22nd
 - b** Informed all Student Veterans members and collaborating with other clubs on campus
 - c** Open to join District members
- Golden West:
 - Club Expo (next week)
 - Appointed 9th President

- Black History Month (open all month)
- Filled 2 positions - Campus Life Community Hired Staff
- Success bags
- Orange Coast College:
 - Report from President Madison Harris to DSC
 - Executive board – 2-day training past week with intention to welcome Spring 2024 semester
 - Was provided survey from last term to guide executive board for Spring term – new resources
 - Individual branches also did retreat training with same goals in mind
 - Jan 26th mandatory training for Spring 2024
 - Feb 23rd Pride involvement

b) Report from Student Trustee

- John:
 - Sacramento lobbying for BS Nursing (15 college districts instead of 15 colleges)
 - Meet with 3 Senators on Senator floor (middle of voting for bills)
 - Was on Hiring committee for GWC President

9. Items for the next agenda

- a. Continue to plan Bolsa Chica Wetlands
- b. Guest Speaker March 8th (Joesph – Casey's Colleague)
- c. Region 8 (SSCCC taskforce): STEM Resolution

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- No public comments made at the time

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjournment at 3:44p