

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 04/10/2023



1. Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:08pm

Roll Call:

Executive Officers:

President: Vacant

Vice President: Kelly Merchant (present)

Secretary: Vacant

Officer of Fiscal Affairs: Vacant

Officer of Communications: Isaac Zarco (present)

Officer of Academic Affairs: Natalie Upp (present)

Officer of External Affairs: Samuel Wagner (present)

Student Trustee: Allen Pahl (present)

Senators:

Aaron Sanchez (present)

Advisor:

Carlos Maldonado (present)

Danny Torres (N/A)

Ana Soto-Trujillo (N/A)

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by K. Merchant to approve the agenda, seconded by S. Wagner. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by K. Merchant to approve the minutes, seconded by A. Sanchez. Motion carried without objection.

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Guest Speaker:

None

4. COVID Updates:

None

5. Reports:

ASCOD President:

- *None*

ASCOD Vice President:

- *None*

Secretary:

- *None*

Officer of Communications:

- *Flyers for the Spring Sunshine Soirée event have been made and are awaiting approval, as well as the updated elections flyer.*

Officer of Academic Affairs:

- *None*

Officer of External Affairs:

- *Attended the Region IX meeting, but quorum was not met. The 2023 General Assembly was discussed, as well as a new budget plan.*

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

- *None*

Student Trustee:

- *Will not be attending the B.O.T. Meeting; the B.O.T. is currently looking for an ASCOD Student Rep to attend and read a proclamation at the next meeting on April 21st at 9:30am.*

Senator Sanchez:

- *None*

ASCOD Advisor:

- *None*

6. Action Items:

Consent Items: *These items are intended to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Student Senate at one time without discussion. Any member of the Student Senate or any COD student may request that any item be removed from this section for discussion.*

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

6.1 Election Updates – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a strategic plan update created by the Elections Committee.

Motioned by K. Merchant, seconded by S. Wagner with no objections. A. Pahl provided an update from the Elections Committee, stating that the election deadline date has been approved to be pushed to the 21st of April at 11:59pm, with the campaigning dates occurring through April 24th to May 2nd. The voting will occur May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The deadline for voting is May 5th at 11:59pm.

6.2 ASCOD Transition – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a Transition of current seated ASCOD members to the new elected members for 2023-2024.

Item was motioned to be postponed due to the absence of ASCOD Advisors by K. Merchant, seconded by A. Sanchez with no objections.

7. Information/Discussion Items:

7.1 General Assembly – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the General Assembly Conference that occurred March 31st – April 2nd 2023.

Motioned by S. Wagner, seconded by A. Sanchez with no objections. A. Pahl provided a report on the General Assembly conference and expressed that the event was very disorganized compared to the previous year but was overall a positive experience. S. Wagner reported that there were more people in attendance compared to the previous year. N. Upp gave feedback on the workshops, reporting that they were not very informative but were discussion-based. I. Zarco commented that their experience was positive and that they enjoyed the reception. A. Pahl reported that all resolutions that were voted on were passed.

7.2 Elections – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss updates regarding the 2023-2024 ASCOD Student Senate elections.

Motioned by K. Merchant, seconded by N. Upp with no objections. ASCOD as a whole agreed that there needs to be changes made in order to advertise the elections further. A. Sanchez made the suggestion of seeking out specific students within classrooms that may have potential to be a student leader. N. Upp suggested creating handmade poster boards to advertise quickly, with K. Merchant stating that they will create them. A. Pahl provided an update that they will be reaching out to the ICC and their advisors regarding the elections, encouraging them to apply and to target students based on their hobbies and interests. C. Maldonado provided an update after speaking with the Student Services Committee, encouraging them to let students know about the ASCOD elections.

7.3 Spring Event – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss updates on the Spring Event occurring on April 19, 2023.

Motioned by A. Pahl to move 7.3 to the Events Committee as a whole at 2:50pm.

A. Pahl provided an update that the the Office of Student Life has ordered the supplies for the Spring event happening on April 19th, however the pLEDGE program had not responded regarding the advertising for volunteers. K. Merchant will be in charge of decorations for the event. ASCOD members can reach out to students to let them know of the volunteer opportunity, as well as pLEDGE students that may need to fulfill their volunteer hour requirement. C. Maldonado reported that purchasing food from a store would be the best to handle food due to the lack of time permitted. .

7.4 Earth Day Event – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss updates regarding SSCCC and the upcoming General Assembly occurring on March 31st - April 2nd 2023.

Item was motioned to be postponed due to the absence of D. Torres by A. Sanchez, seconded by K. Merchant with no objections.

The agenda was unsuspending at 3:30pm, motioned by A. Sanchez and seconded by S. Wagner with no objections.

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

8.1 Budget and Finance:

Chair: K. Merchant

Members: A. Pahl, S. Wagner, I. Zarco

8.2 Executive Council:

Chair:

8.3 Constitution and Bylaws: Chair: S. Wagner Members: A. Sanchez, I. Zarco, A. Pahl, N. Upp	8.4 Governmental Relations: Chair: S. Wagner Members: A. Sanchez, A. Pahl
8.5 Equity and Diversity: Chair: A. Sanchez Members: K. Merchant	8.6 Public Relations: Chair: Members: A. Pahl, N. Upp, K. Merchant, I. Zarco
8.7 Events: Chair: A. Pahl Members: K. Merchant, A. Sanchez, S. Wagner, N. Upp, I. Zarco	8.8 Elections Committee: Chair: N. Upp Members: A. Pahl, A. Sanchez

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

8.09 Academic Calendar Committee: A. Pahl	8.10 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee):
8.11 Bookstore Advisory Committee: A. Sanchez	8.12 Budget Sub-Committee:
8.13 College Planning Council (CPC): A. Pahl, K. Merchant	8.14 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: K. Merchant
8.15 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee:	8.16 Diversity Committee: S. Wagner
8.17 DSPS Advisory Committee: A. Sanchez	8.18 Enrollment Management Committee: I. Zarco
8.19 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee: S. Wagner	8.20 Equity Committee: N. Upp
8.21 Facilities Advisory Committee: N. Upp	8.22 Food Services Advisory Committee: A. Sanchez
8.23 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: S. Wagner	8.24 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee: I. Zarco
8.25 Outreach/Training (CPC Sub-Committee):	8.26 Safety Committee: K. Merchant
8.27 Transfer Advisory Committee:	8.28 Academic Senate: N. Upp
8.29 COD Foundation Board: A. Pahl	

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

8.29 Curriculum Committee:	8.30 Educational Policies and Practices: I. Zarco
8.31 Educational Technologies and Distance Education:	8.32 Outcomes and Assessment Committee:

COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Palms Springs Development Project Advisory Group: K. Merchant	The accreditation Workgroup:
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Workgroup: Chair: Members: A. Pahl	

9. Communication from the floor:

None

10. Adjournment: 3:33pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date