

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 05/08/2023



1. Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:07pm

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 (excused absence)

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 A. Sanchez to approve the agenda, seconded by K. Merchant. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes have not been received by A. Pahl; approval of minutes postponed until the next meeting.

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:

- *Attended the Faculty & Staff of Color Caucus Meet and Greet Event on May 5th; the event had great resources; suggested that ASCOD could have a table set up at the next Meet and Greet event.*

Officer of Academic Affairs:

- *None*

Officer of External Affairs:

- *None*

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

- *None*

Student Trustee:

- *The next ASCOD meeting on May 15th will be the last official ASCOD meeting for the 2022-2023 members.*

Senator Sanchez:

- *None*

ASCOD Advisor:

- *Looking forward to attending the ASCOD lunch to be held on the 22nd of May at 2:30pm.*

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:

None

Club Charter:

None

7. Information/Discussion Items:

7.1 Elections – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the Elections for the upcoming 2023-2024 School Year

Motioned by K. Merchant and seconded by A. Sanchez with no objections. A. Pahl reported that voting closed at 11:59pm on Friday, May 5th. C. Maldonado reported there was a total of 198 verified votes, and announced the winners; Kelly Merchant for the position of President, Djuane Nunley for the position of Vice President, Donovan Upp for the position of Officer of Communications, Felipe Robles for the position of Officer of External Affairs, Isaac Zarco for the position of Student Trustee, and Abdiel Morales, Denzel Garcia, Kaden Olson, Kiara Thomas, and Madigan Escobar for the positions of Independent Senator. C. Maldonado reported that there were write-in candidates for other positions that need to be verified for eligibility before announcement. K. Merchant suggested that the election rules should be clearer for the candidates running next academic year.

7.2 ASCOD Goals – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss information regarding goals for the next elected members for 2023-2024

Motioned by K. Merchant and seconded by A. Sanchez with no objections. A. Sanchez provided input with saying communication and scheduling within ASCOD was "rocky," but the implementation of Microsoft Teams was a good solution. A. Pahl reported that communication was sometimes inconsistent within Teams and suggested that members need to clarify expectations of how much time to spend on ASCOD outside of meetings. K. Merchant suggested having firmly set times for committee meetings as a possible solution for next year's members.

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:

A. Pahl asked each member how their experience as a member of ASCOD was.

10. Adjournment: 2:52pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date