

# Associated Students of College of the Desert

## ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 04/07/2025



1. **Organizational Items:**  
Call to Order: 2:02pm

**Roll Call:**

**Executive Officers:**

President: Kaden Olson (present)  
Vice President: Juan Rios Falcon (present)  
Secretary: Evelyn Castillo (present)  
Officer of Fiscal Affairs: Abraham Carabajal (present)  
Officer of Academic Affairs: Daisy Mendieta (present)  
Officer of External Affairs: Gissel Sanchez (present)  
Officer of Communications: Megan Jensen (zoom)  
Student Trustee: Felipe Robles (present)

**Senators:**

Senator 1: Christopher Martinez (present)  
Senator 2: Paulina Verdugo (present)  
Senator 3: Rachel Sanchez (present)  
Senator 4: Natani Davidsen (present)  
Senator 5: Keith Prouty (present)  
Offsite Senator: Jenitza Perez (present)

**Advisors:**

Carlos Maldonado: (present)  
Danny Torres: (present)

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda which was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by N. Davidsen. It was carried with no objections.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 were approved with no objections.*

2. **Public Comment:**

**Letters and remarks from interested students:** Any member of the public who wishes to address the ASCOD Student Senate on any matter is limited to three (3) minutes. The total time for members of the public to speak on the same or similar issues shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. The ASCOD Student Senate welcomes your comments; however, we are unable to respond to those comments at this time.

*None.*

3. **Guest Speaker:**  
***Isabela Veloro & Nicholas Robles - Public Relations Office.***

Public Relations Projects Update:

- You've got a friend series is on YouTube as the third episode just went live
- With the survey, recommendations were given regarding the light post banners such as more academic programming and no photos
- Rodney the Roadrunner mascot promotional video is going out tomorrow
- For the post banners, they are working on two options regarding what version is preferred with Rodney the mascot
- Third episode went live, upload every Monday as they're on episode 3

4. **Reports:**

**ASCOD President:**

*Kaden Olson:*

- *Elections committee is today*

**ASCOD Vice President:**

*Juan Falcon:*

- *ICC club event last Friday, everyone was engaged, food was great. Room for improvement as it was a big success.*
- *We need to make sure to post agenda outside of Office of Student Life*

**Secretary:**

*Evelyn Castillo:*

- *It was a success as there was some participation but I do wish more clubs participated and it also increased ASCOD visibility which is one of our goals*

**Officer of Communications:**

*None.*

**Officer of Academic Affairs:**

*None.*

**Officer of External Affairs:**

*None.*

**Officer of Fiscal Affairs:**

*None.*

**Student Trustee:**

*Felipe Robles*

- *Thursday will be board of trustee meeting in the morning*
- *At 4pm - 7pm will be the art show led by students, tacos will be provided*

**Senators:**

*Christopher Martinez:*

- *Tomorrow TASC has their workshop for upgrade your computer skills from 12:30pm- 1:30pm*
- *COD talk from 3:30-4:30 about sexual assault*
- *Makerspace is hosting their workshop from 2:30pm - 3:30pm of pajama shorts to make*
- *Wednesday they will be doing their workout from 5:15pm -6:15pm in kine-104*
- *Saga has their annual drag show at the potluck theater starting at 5:30pm*
- *Grad-fest from 10pm - 2pm at the gymnasium*
- *Student art marker from 4pm-7pm at the parking lot*
- *College corps applications are opening as recruiting will also be done*
- *COD Scholarship is open until May 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Natani Davidsen:*

- *ICC club event (Club Olympics) was fun and C. Martinez was a good M.C and props to J. Falcon for organizing it overall*

**Advisors:**

*Danny Torres:*

- *Cod ted talk is tomorrow at the MPR which u can attend virtually or physically*
- *Presenters are from the partners against violence / at the end of April they will be planning an event called "Denim Day" here on April 29<sup>th</sup> (Indio) April 30<sup>th</sup> (Palm Desert)*
- *State of the fourth district where two ppl confirmed so four spots are left*
- *Club Olympics where ASCOD members got thanked for helping ICC and helping as C. Martinez made a good MC*
- *Mobius event was shared to attend where the 16<sup>th</sup> is opened to the public and the 17<sup>th</sup> at the rancho mirage library isn't public but his band will be playing there so we can RSVP*

*Carlos Maldonado:*

- *Last week they in need for the proclamation reader on Thursday from 9:30.*
- *Reminder about Mobius conference as it will happen within the valley from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Sunnyland's*

- We were invited to send 6 students to the state of the fourth district event last week and they need to know by tomorrow
- Commencement has been scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> at Acrisure Arena from 4pm arrive by 2:30pm and four tickets will be provided
- Board of trustee meeting on Thursday
- Reminder that if you haven't attended a board of trustee meeting you have to attend at least one
- College has installed two supply bending machines at pd and Indio where you can access study supplies or office supplies while the bookstores is closed
- Reminder: spring break begins Saturday and ends on Sunday as the office will still be open
- Folks represented ASCOD at the general assembly pretty well

## 5. **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:**

**5.1 Removal of Office** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the removal of members who meet or exceed (4) or more absences at ASCOD meetings as per Title 1: Article IV: Section 2: Item B.5 of the ASCOD Bylaws. It was moved by Castillo and seconded by J. Falcon to discuss.

- J. Falcon motioned to strike which was seconded by C. Martinez but failed unanimously
- J. Falcon moved to edit motion to "ASCOD Student Senate will approve members who have reach the threshold of 4 absences of today's date and will be removed if they miss one more meeting which was seconded by K. Prouty.
- Motion was made to not discuss until next ASCOD meeting which was moved by F. Robles and seconded by J. Falcon to which motion failed 5-6.
- J. Falcon moved to edit strike "4" to "5" which was seconded by F. Robles which was approved 11-1.
- Voting passed unanimously to strike and add the amendment to insert, "ASCOD Student Senate will approve members who have reach the threshold of 5 absences of today's date and will be removed if they miss one more meeting".

**5.2 Roadrunner Rodeo Budget** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve a budget not to exceed \$5000 for ICC's Roadrunner Rodeo event occurring May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm. It was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by C. Martinez to discuss. Budget was approved unanimously.

**5.3 CSUSB Outreach** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve developing a workshop to foster a connection between College of The Desert's student government and California State University San Bernardino's student Government.

- Motion was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by K. Prouty to postpone 5.3 till next ASCOD meeting to which voting passed unanimously.

**Club Charter:** None.

**6. Information/Discussion Items:**

**6.1 ASACC Debrief** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results of the ASACC Conference attendance.

**6.2 General Assembly Debrief** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results of the General Assembly conference attendance

**6.3 ASCOD Conference Selection Process** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the conference selection process

- Motion was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by K. Prouty to postpone 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 till next ASCOD meeting to which voting passed unanimously.

**7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:**

- Motion was moved by F. Robles and seconded by J. Falcon to postpone committee reports till next ASCOD meeting to which voting passed unanimously.

**ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES**

<p><b>7.1 Budget and Finance:</b> Chair:</p> <p>Members: K. Olson, J. Sarrouf</p>	<p><b>7.2 Executive Council:</b> Chair: K. Olson Members: J. Falcon, F. Robles, M. Jensen, E.Castillo</p>
<p><b>7.3 Constitution and Bylaws:</b> Chair:</p> <p>Members: M. Jensen, K. Olson</p>	<p><b>7.4 Governmental Relations:</b> Chair:</p> <p>Members: K. Olson, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo</p>
<p><b>7.5 Equity and Diversity:</b> Chair:</p> <p>Members: F. Robles, G. Sanchez, J. Sarrouf, K. Olson</p>	<p><b>7.6 Public Relations:</b> Chair: M. Jensen Members: F. Robles, K. Olson, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, G. Sanchez, D. Mendieta</p>
<p><b>7.7 Events:</b> Chair: F. Robles</p>	<p><b>7.8 Elections Committee:</b> Chair:</p>

<b>Members: J. Falcon, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, K. Olson, D. Mendieta, R. Sanchez</b>	<b>Members: C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, G. Sanchez, J. Sarrouf, R. Sanchez</b>
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**COD STANDING COMMITTEES**

<b>7.09 Academic Calendar Committee: J. Falcon, D. Mendieta</b>	<b>7.10 Assessment of Planning &amp; Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee): J. Falcon, D. Mendieta</b>
<b>7.11 Bookstore Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo, J. Beltran</b>	<b>7.12 Budget Sub-Committee: J. Falcon (possible)</b>
<b>7.13 College Planning Council (CPC): K. Olson, F. Robles</b>	<b>7.14 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: C. Martinez</b>
<b>7.15 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee: N/A</b>	<b>7.16 Diversity Committee: N/A</b>
<b>7.17 DSPS Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo</b>	<b>7.18 Enrollment Management Committee: P. Verdugo</b>
<b>7.19 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee: J. Beltran, G. Sanchez, C. Martinez, J. Sarrouf (secondary for G. Sanchez)</b>	<b>7.20 Equity Committee: F. Robles</b>
<b>7.21 Facilities Advisory Committee: J. Beltran, J. Sarrouf (secondary)</b>	<b>7.22 Food Services Advisory Committee: C. Martinez, J. Beltran, E. Castillo, J. Morisco</b>
<b>7.23 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: F. Robles, C. Martinez</b>	<b>7.24 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee: J. Falcon</b>
<b>7.25 Outreach/Training (CPC Sub-Committee): C. Martinez</b>	<b>7.26 Safety Committee: G. Sanchez, R. Sanchez</b>
<b>7.27 Transfer Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo, R. Sanchez</b>	<b>7.28 Academic Senate: E. Castillo (temp)</b>
<b>7.29 COD Foundation Board: D. K. Olson</b>	

**COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES**

<b>8.37 Curriculum Committee: Members:</b>	<b>8.38 Educational Police and Practice: Members: J. Falcon</b>
<b>8.39 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: Members:</b>	<b>8.40 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: Members:</b>

**COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

<b>8.41 Website Redesign Steering Committee: Members: F. Robles, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo</b>	<b>8.42 District Furniture Standards Workgroup: Member:</b>

**8. Future Agenda Item:**

*None.*

**9. Communication from the floor:** *This is the time provided so that any member of the ASCOD Student Senate may address any issues or concerns or bring forward information for general discussion*

*Keith Prouty:*

- *Is interested in ASCOD holding future special meetings.*

**10. Adjournment:** 4:15pm

- Motion was carried to extend the meeting for 15 minutes with no objections.

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Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

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Print Name ASCOD Advisor

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