

# Associated Students of College of the Desert

## ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 03/03/2025



### 1. Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:01pm

#### Roll Call:

##### Executive Officers:

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

##### Senators:

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

##### Advisors:

Carlos Maldonado: (absent)  
Danny Torres: (present)  
Ana Soto (present)

#### Approval of Agenda

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

#### Approval of Minutes

*No objections in approving the minutes for February 10<sup>th</sup> & February 24<sup>th</sup>.*

### 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:**

*None.*

4. **Reports:**

**ASCOD President:**

*Kaden Olson:*

**ASCOD Vice President:**

*Juan Falcon:*

- *Reminder that Coffee with the Mayor tomorrow at 9:30am at the Craven Center*
- *There was a student panel last week where the counselors from cod got together and high school counselors where they gave a presentation and information on how cod should come here. He was part of it along with 5 others. Counselors were able to get the perspective of students*

**Secretary:**

*None.*

**Officer of Communications:**

*None.*

**Officer of Academic Affairs:**

*Daisy Mendieta*

- *On Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be the 5<sup>th</sup> annual event of day of the child from 9am - 1pm in the Coachella Veterans Park*

**Officer of External Affairs:**

*Gissel Sanchez:*

- *Dreamer Resource center is hosting a navigating safe space to offer a discussion in a safe space about everything going on in the political climate from 12:30pm - 1:30pm*
- *Coffee with the Mayor is tomorrow at 9:30am*

**Officer of Fiscal Affairs:**

*None.*

## **Student Trustee:**

*Felipe Robles:*

- *Merch March happening in Sacramento for the SSCCC where it will get posted on the Instagram for the Regional account where he will hear the advocating of students*
- *On Wednesday the Marks Art Center is hosting a talk with Carolyn Maloney*
- *March 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a Delegate Assembly*
- *The regional powwow got confirmed for the 28<sup>th</sup> where Gissel and him will be going to Crafton Hills to get together with the students to hear concerns*

## **Senators:**

Paulina Verdugo:

- The FAFSA and CADAA application have been extended to April 2<sup>nd</sup> for California
- COD is hosting free income tax assistance on Saturday at the Palm Desert Campus, and Friday at the Coachella campus.
- College Corps applications are open now for 2025-2026

Rashel Sanchez:

- She finished her video and will email it but she will put it in a good doc for to be able to receive feedback

Keith Prouty:

- Indio campus there is going to be a career fair where they will have an internship available from 10am-2pm

## **Advisors:**

Danny Torres:

- College corps sign up
- Career fair flyers are posted at the bulletin board happening at the Indio campus on Wednesday
- Coffee with the mayor is at the MPR inside of cravens
- There will be home games for the cod sports team going on today through the 7<sup>th</sup>
- Mid-April and beginning of May there will be a high school visit days coming from southern California (tabling like a resource fair)

## **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:**

**5.1 Committee Appointments** – *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve appointing members to ASCOD and COD Standing Committees. It was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by R. Sanchez to discuss. It was approved to add changes to the committee member list.*

### **New Business:**

**5.2 Gym Access** - *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results of Spring 2025 club rush.*

### **Club Charter:** *Wrestling Club, Music Club*

*Wrestling Club was approved to charter with a voting status of 8-3.  
Music Club was approved to charter with no objections.*

## **6. Information/Discussion Items:**

**6.1 Club Rush Overview** - *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results of Spring 2025 club rush.*

Juan Falcon:

- Thanked everyone who supported the club as they appreciate it

Gissel Sanchez:

- They were excited of the diversity of the club and heard a lot of feedback

Daisy Mendieta:

- Spoke to students and they said they had a great time at club rush / more clubs at the Indio campus

Evelyn Castillo:

- Club rush was a success and there was more participation compared to last year but maybe improve on promoting it more as some students weren't aware of the club rush itself

Kaden Olson:

- Best club rush, participation was really good
- DJ enjoyed and reached out to keep using him for other events
- The layout was good as it kept students in

Danny Torres:

- Successful club rush with ASCOD, clubs, and ICC as it was a great success and a good turnout
- There was a lot of good participation
- Roadrunner radio did a great event with the mic, announcements, and the vibe he had set the mood

Keith Prouty:

- Students were stating that they wish club rush was longer

Jenitza Perez:

- To improve, make a competition to get the student spirit and increase the involvement of the clubs

**6.2 ASCOD Spring Event** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss possible events for the Spring Semester. Item will be moved to the Events Committee to discuss with suggested ASCOD member's ideas.

**6.3 COD Highschool Visitation Days** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss participating in COD's high school visitation days occurring April 11<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

## **7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:**

### **7.09 Academic Senate / Daisy Mendieta:**

- Transfer fan presented the enrollment rate of the downside and they want to promote further moving rates and negative ramifications of dual enrollment

### **7.16 COD Foundation Board - Juan Falcon:**

- Appointed new board member Felip Niblo
- New program at cod called paramedic (19 enrolled/ they didn't pay); they want to expand the program
- Cod is the only institution that is pushing for standardize process where programs are different everywhere you go

### **7.28 Food Services Advisory Committee - Evelyn Castillo:**

- There was a meeting this Friday at 2pm-3pm but it got canceled.

### **7.33 Outreach/ Training (CPC Sub-Committee) - Juan Falcon:**

- Presented about some parts that revolved around the Boarding conjunction and voting members

### **7.41 Website Redesign Steering Committee / Felipe Robles:**

- They will be meeting tomorrow with yoodle
- Their focus is to create a calendar that students have access to

### ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

<b>8.1 Budget and Finance:</b> <b>Chair:</b>  <b>Members: K. Olson, J. Sarrouf</b>	<b>8.2 Executive Council:</b> <b>Chair: K. Olson</b> <b>Members: J. Falcon, F. Robles, M. Jensen, E.Castillo</b>
<b>8.3 Constitution and Bylaws:</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>Members: M. Jensen, K. Olson</b>	<b>8.4 Governmental Relations:</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>Members: K. Olson, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo</b>
<b>8.5 Equity and Diversity:</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>Members: F. Robles, G. Sanchez, J. Sarrouf, K. Olson</b>	<b>8.6 Public Relations:</b> <b>Chair: M. Jensen</b> <b>Members: F. Robles, K. Olson, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, G. Sanchez, D. Mendieta</b>
<b>8.7 Events:</b> <b>Chair: F. Robles</b> <b>Members: J. Falcon, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, K. Olson, D. Mendieta, R. Sanchez</b>	<b>8.8 Elections Committee:</b> <b>Chair:</b>  <b>Members: C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, G. Sanchez, J. Sarrouf, R. Sanchez</b>

### COD STANDING COMMITTEES

<b>8.09 Academic Calendar Committee: J. Falcon, D. Mendieta</b>	<b>8.10 Assessment of Planning &amp; Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee): J. Falcon, D. Mendieta</b>
<b>8.11 Bookstore Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo, J. Beltran</b>	<b>8.12 Budget Sub-Committee: J. Falcon (possible)</b>
<b>8.13 College Planning Council (CPC): K. Olson, F. Robles</b>	<b>8.14 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: C. Martinez</b>
<b>8.15 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee: N/A</b>	<b>8.16 Diversity Committee: N/A</b>
<b>8.17 DSPS Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo</b>	<b>8.18 Enrollment Management Committee: P. Verdugo</b>
<b>8.19 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee: J. Beltran, G. Sanchez, C. Martinez, J. Sarrouf (secondary for G. Sanchez)</b>	<b>8.20 Equity Committee: F. Robles</b>
<b>8.21 Facilities Advisory Committee: J. Beltran, J. Sarrouf (secondary)</b>	<b>8.22 Food Services Advisory Committee: C. Martinez, J. Beltran, E. Castillo, J. Morisco</b>
<b>8.23 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: F. Robles, C. Martinez</b>	<b>8.24 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee: J. Falcon</b>
<b>8.25 Outreach/Training (CPC Sub-Committee): C. Martinez</b>	<b>8.26 Safety Committee: G. Sanchez, R. Sanchez</b>
<b>8.27 Transfer Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo, R. Sanchez</b>	<b>8.28 Academic Senate: E. Castillo (temp)</b>
<b>8.29 COD Foundation Board: D. K. Olson</b>	

### COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

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

<b>Members:</b>	
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**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. 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*

*Juan Falcon:*

- Is sharing the first section on the constitution of clarification of the last meeting where he spoke about it
- He wants to emphasize it isn't about cod vs student administration but for us to understand our certain and hold each other accountable and work together. Be respectful and professional and not share the blame
- Gratitude against the advisors but it is important to bring issues or discussion

Danny Torres:

- Reminder that any photos of club rush to email them to him or Megan so they can keep a file of previous events to use for future flyers

**9. Adjournment:** 3:38pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President	Signature ASCOD Secretary/President	Date
Print Name ASCOD Advisor	Signature ASCOD Advisor	Date

