

# Associated Students of College of the Desert

## ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 11/25/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**  
Call to Order: 2:03 pm

**Roll Call:**

**Executive Officers:**

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

**Senators:**

Senator 1: Christopher Martinez (present)  
Senator 2: Paulina Verdugo (present)  
Senator 3: Rachel Sanchez (present)  
Senator 4: Johnny Sarrouf (present)

**Advisors:**

Carlos Maldonado: (Present)  
Danny Torres: (Late)

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda which was moved by P. Verdugo and seconded by C. Martinez. It was carried with no objections.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*No objections in approving the minutes.*

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. **COVID Updates:**

*None.*

5. **Reports:**

**ASCOD President:**

*None.*

**ASCOD Vice President:**

*Juan Falcon:*

- Applied for the SSCCC vice chair but did not get elected but it was a good learning experience throughout the process of applying
- There will be an upcoming ICC meeting on Wednesday (2pm – 4pm)

**Secretary:**

*Evelyn Castillo:*

- *As a fellow of College Corps, I got interviewed regarding what I do within that program and then made it on the news channel 3 streaming on tv*

**Officer of Communications:**

*None.*

**Officer of Academic Affairs:**

*None.*

**Officer of External Affairs:**

*None.*

**Officer of Fiscal Affairs:**

*None.*

**Student Trustee:**

*Felipe Robles:*

- Mentioned that Thanksgiving is coming up
- Thanked J. Falcon for running for the position even if he didn't get it
- Attended the Advocacy Academy and had some great conversations with other campuses

## **Senators:**

### Gissel Sanchez:

- Had the privilege of attending the Advocacy Academy as it was a learning experience

### Paulina Verdugo:

- This week is Thanksgiving and she is thankful for everyone and the opportunities we have
- FAFSA is now open for the 2025 – 2026 year
- Semester is coming to an end so stay strong

### Christopher Martinez:

- *Today is the closing day for the pride scholarship*
- *Last week he attended the Annual Coachella Valley partnership and he got to represent College of The Desert where they highlighted the region growth*
- *He received an invitation for the one future student submit for December 17<sup>th</sup>*

### Rashel Sanchez:

- *She has gratitude for us*
- *Addressing an issue that she has overserved between the difference in security measures between Palm Desert and Indio which is an important factor for students*

## **Advisors:**

### Danny Torres:

- Thanking those who attended the Office of Student Life events
- No class and campus will be closed on Thursday & Friday

## **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 Committee Appointments** – *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve committee appointments. It was moved by F. Robles and seconded by C. Martinez with no objections*

- J. Falcon got added to Guided Pathway committee without objections
- C. Martinez got added to government relations committee without objections
- Felipe is offering up his position for the Events Committee or to obtain assistance

**6.2 COD Roadrunner Rally** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve tabling at the upcoming Roadrunner Rally’s occurring December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Palm Desert Campus and January 15, 2025, at the Indio Campus from 3pm. It was moved by F. Robles and seconded by C. Martinez. It was also approved as vote passed unanimously.

**Club Charter:**

None.

**7. Information/Discussion Items:**

**7.1 Advocacy Academy** – ASCOD Student Sente will discuss the results of attending the 2024 Advocacy Academy.

Paulina Verdugo:

- Thanking Office of Student Life for making the event possible, the team bonding and overall have the opportunity to attend
- Heard stories about student leaders that shows us how lucky we are but we can always improve
- She got to network, listen, learn and realize things she never did about Student Senate
- Some struggle with imposter syndrome
- Students count on us to be herd
- "You don't need to have it all figured out to be an advocate"
- "I was just a student that wanted to help even though I didn't know the system

Felipe Robles:

- We need to do things to keep our resources so it's better to start getting involved with the region
- 3-T's, 3-P's, 3O's to advocate for change:
  - Teams, Trade-Off, and Timing
  - Partnership, Policy Solution, Public Perception
  - Organize, Organize, Organize
- The Assembly bill 765 is being considered to affect how you can be excused during the zoom meeting when you're sick by the president
- An intern chancer Dr. Daisy Gonzales makes decisions on behalf of the entire community college and she distributed 13 million dollars in assistances

Christopher Martinez:

- It's about being able to find your voice and how to tell it
- Everyone has their own advocacy story and its best to articulate it so students can understand
- "What does education mean to you?"
  - Education means growth, opportunity, and empowerment

- Find your community and amplify your voice by making people uncomfortable by taking about things that aren't others don't mention
- It's important to get letters of recommendation as they play a big role
- The relationships he builds and what he does plays a big role as well
- Wants to create workshops or a mini advocacy academy for the students to learn based off the ones he attended

Gissel Sanchez:

- Our voices have power, if we all come together, we can make things better for the next generation
- She is willingly to use her voice for those who are scared
- There's a strength in numbers
- She reflected on the responsibility she carries as a student leader and she should start connection with the regions
- "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained, you will also suffer defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle" – Art of War

Carlos Maldonado:

- Everyone who went did a lot of processing, connections, and networking
- It expanded their minds of the ASCOD members regarding business and opportunities
- There was interaction and resilience observed within them

**7.2 ASCOD Agenda Items** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the process for bringing items of interest to the agenda

**7.3 ASCOD Procedures** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the idea of creating ASCOD procedures.

**7.4 AP 3050 Code of Ethics Standards of Practice – employees** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss AP3050.

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

### 8.13 Bookstore Advisory Committee / Juan Falcon:

- Sales are down in Palm Desert especially in Indio so they are trying to increase sales
- Flexibility for those who bought books and need to exchange them for the correct edition book
- The stigma is that most students believe the library sells books but also the bookstore itself isn't visible so possibly adding signs to assist visibility
- A survey is out there to improve with feedback from students who buy a book and they will receive a discount

### 8.16 COD Foundation Board / Kaden Olson:

- Met on Wednesday where they had homemade pie
- Discussed their events within the Board
- Video screening on December 4<sup>th</sup> which is free for students

8.17 College Planning Council (CPC) / Kaden Olson:

- It is important to get the voice heard on the topic of Code of ethics or standards

8.21 Dual Enrollment Committee / Johnny Sarrouf:

- First meeting with the chair
- They discussed team teaching and agreements
- There is a new administrative procedure
- There is a new job opening which is the 'dual operator'

**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: 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>

**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*

*Kaden Olson:*

- *CSUSB student government members want to meet with ASCOD members to have lunch and be able to connect*

**10. Adjournment:** *3:39pm*

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Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

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Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

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Date

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Print Name ASCOD Advisor

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