

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 10/14/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**
Call to Order: 2:02 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: (Late)
Danny Torres: (present)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to add a new business point which was moved by E. Castillo and seconded by J. Falcon. It was approved to carry with the agenda with no objections.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was carried without objection.

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:

Kaden Olson –

- *He had a very fun weekend at the CCCSA conference where he met a lot of good people and learned a lot.*

ASCOD Vice President:

Juan Falcon –

- *Seconded what Kaden Olson said*
- *He was part of the ITIN presentation at the Dreamer Resource Center*
- *Undocumented action week events hosted by the DRC needs to have the word spread*

Secretary:

Evelyn Castillo –

- *She was part of the ITIN presentation. It was a good opportunity to put herself out there and she was able to obtain knowledge from the research she had to make in order to present*
- *With the presentation, the goal was to increase awareness and knowledge for the betterment of AB540 students*

Officer of Communications:

Megan Jensen –

- *Third what Kaden Olson said*

Officer of Academic Affairs:

None.

Officer of External Affairs:

Gissel Sanchez –

- *Double down on the DRC undocumented action week, it is happening across the state for all community colleges*
- *SSCCC is holding online webinars to inform AB540 students about resources. You register online and it will take place the whole week from 9 – 10am.*

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Student Trustee:

Felipe Robles –

- *Attended the event on Wednesday at Eisenhower where he met two people from a non-profit organization but their leadership team is from LA to Guatemala*
- *1st of October there will be an event for day of the dead.*

Senators:

Christopher Martinez –

- *Triple down on what Juan Falcon, Gissel Sanchez, and Evelyn Castillo said, we need to advocate for the students to make sure the information for undocumented student action week is passed on*
- *DSPS pride event is coming up tomorrow at the amphitheater*

Advisors:

Danny Torres:

- *DSPS event will take place tomorrow from 11am – 1pm*
- *As for undocumented student action week, Office Of Student Life is doing COD talk presentation with Elizabeth Tamayo from the Dreamer Resource Center as they will be discussing about the DRC since students haven't heard of it*
- *It will take place on Wednesday, October 16th from 3:30 – 4:30 pm*

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 Advocacy Academy Conference Budget – *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a budget not to exceed \$6,000 to attend the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Advocacy Academy Conference occurring November 22nd – 24th, 2024. It was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by C. Martinez with no objections. Motion carried 6 to 0, in favor. A unanimous decision.*

6.2 Block Party Tabling – *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve tabling at the COD South Annex Block Party, occurring October 30th, from 12 – 2pm. It was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by C. Martinez with no objections. Motion carried 6 to 0, in favor. A unanimous decision.*

6.3 EOPS Event – *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve tabling at the EOPS event in the MPR, occurring October 16th, from 11am – 1pm. It was moved by E. Castillo and seconded by J. Falcon with no objections. Motion carried 6 to 0, in favor. A unanimous decision*

Club Charter:

Roadrunner Makers Club

- *It was approved to be chartered with no objections*

7. Information/Discussion Items:

7.1 CCCSAA Debrief – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the outcomes of attending the California Community College Student Affairs Association Conference 2024.

Juan Falcon:

- *It was an amazing experience and he recommends you go next year if you get the chance*
- *Attended several workshops such as Parliamentary Procedures, Minutes and Agendas, Ethical decision making and so on*
- *He was able to listen to other colleges and he noticed a difference where we are a great team and work effectively. They don't like each other and items take longer to get passed.*

Kaden Olson:

- *On the first day, the speaker (Richard did a phenomenal job). He grew up poor, no education availability yet he still managed to graduate from Harvard University*
- *Workshops were a good opportunity as he was able to speak with two presenters to build connections and network*
- *It was great to see everyone shine and represent the ASCOD team and Evelyn for speaking up in one of the workshops to share a story*

Evelyn Castillo:

- *For one of the workshops, "Agendas & Minutes", she learned that in student government meetings you can still start a meeting even if you don't meet quorum. You may call to order, do roll call, make reports, but you just can't vote or have discussions*
- *For another workshop "Storytelling", they asked if anyone wanted to share a personal story and she went up there hoping to put herself out there and get out of her comfort zone. Later on, she received positive feedback such as, "that was inspirational", "I'm so proud of you," "good job, that was really good" and so on.*
- *She feels different before she attended the Conference and after she came back*

Christopher Martinez:

- *Awesome opportunist, met new students, and express the student that you are*
- *9 + 1 rights were talked about which is the rights that we carry as students*
- *In meetings, it's important to engage with others through ice breakers*
- *Meeting norms is something that we should discuss sometime such as integrity, collaboration, and group goals*

- *At the power of now workshop, she saw Gissel Sanchez advocate made him speak up as well*
- *He met the Student Senate (Officer of Communications) for Community Colleges who is Deaf (Alexis Bravo), He spoke up about how Disabilities don't receive all the resources that they need so we need to advocate for them or have a training collab with him*
- *He became more open and had a great time*

Megan Jensen:

- *Attended a workshop on how to figure out people's intentions and how to work with them or around them*
- *You always get what you want so to be nice to people, be available, be open as you can know someone's story*
- *Some student senates weren't very collaborated where they had issues with each other*
- *Overall, she had fun and was able to get to know the team better*

Gissel Sanchez:

- *She had a great time*
- *The keynote speaker Richard was very inspiring and overall, you just have to keep going regardless of what's going on in your personal life*
- *Find good people who can become your mentor and guide you through*
- *It was beautiful to hear everyone's story and she relates to Evelyn Castillo feeling different, she feels more confident*
- *Don't be shy to go to students in order to get feedback and advocate for them better*
- *She learned that pushing out voting can be difficult for AB540 student as many are not comfortable with the situation*
- *She is going to present a flyer on Wednesday for bragging rights*
- *Last days to register to vote is October 21st*
- *Attended a workshop of understanding your role. A speaker was able to bring girl products just by getting involved and speaking to the right people. Develop advocacy plans*
- *Become vulnerable to students in order to get involved or campaign*
- *Ab963 is a bill where Federal Work City can hire students to coordinate boarder of registration*
- *She thought it was nice to hear Evelyn go up there to present as she also attended the "storytelling workshop"*
- *With Alexis Bravo's experience she was able to take away that we need to take more things into consideration and not assume but rather ask, do research*

Carlos Maldonado:

- *Thanking the group that went as they did a fantastic job, allowing for team bonding and representing College of The Desert*
- *He received compliments on feedback of the ASCOD members*

7.2 ASCOD October Event Availability – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss availability to work for ASCOD's October event in the Beeps Outdoor Quad, occurring October 30th , from 4 – 6pm.

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

8.09 Academic Senate / Daisy Mendieta:

- *There will be a new sexual harassment procedure for professors and faculty where the hiring procedure will investigate an individual to of a charge*
- *There will be an adjunct hiring event November 1st*

8.15 Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee / Christopher Martinez:

- *The brown act was talked about from a guest speaker named Mark Tompson*
- *A new board member was voted as well as a chair and vice chair*
- *Committee oversees all the money allocated to make sure it is spent correctly*
- *There was a breakdown of projects going on, building the COD Palm Springs campus, and the expansion of Indio campus*
- *On Wednesday there will be breaking ground on Palm Springs campus at 8:30am*
- *There will be a new football stadium by December at the Palm Desert campus*

8.17 College Planning Council (CPC) / Kaden Olson:

- *Administrative procedures are being edited*
- *He will know more about policies as the vice president presents them*

8.18 Date Evaluation Sub-Committee / Johnny Sarrouf:

- *They will be redesigning for the COD website regarding the data visualization to make it more approachable*

8.33 Outreach / Training (CPC Sub-Committee) / Christopher Martinez:

- *Going overall goals done by self-assessment survey*
- *There will be a presentation on the 25th of October*
- *There will be a video created to show how to take the survey*
- *Survey will be based off how a committee should be ran*

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

8.37 Curriculum Committee: Members:	8.38 Educational Police and Practice: Members: J. Falcon
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8.39 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: Members:	8.40 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: Members:
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COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

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

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*

Danny Torres –

- *Nameplates are ready for the new ASCOD members, just need to be picked up*

10. Adjournment: 3:43 pm

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