

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 10/21/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**
Call to Order: 2:05 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 (Zoom)
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 (Late)
Senator 4: Johnny Sarrouf (present)

Advisors:

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda which was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by C. Martinez. It was carried with no objections.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes which was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by C. Martinez. It 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:**

Donna Greene – Distance Education & Instructional Design Coordinator

- They wanted to find out a definition of Low-cost textbooks from a student
- It can become a resource program to help all general students
- Their goal is to get listed in the school
- Textbooks & materials tend to be pricey so they want to set them from \$20-\$30

4. **COVID Updates:**

None.

5. **Reports:**

ASCOD President:

None.

ASCOD Vice President:

None.

Secretary:

Evelyn Castillo –

- Attended the student panel event hosted by the Dreamer Resource center to hear the stories or voices from AB540 students. It was nice to see the community being so supportive and felt emotional as she is a AB540 student herself
- Attended the Regional Convening Training as she is part of the College Corps program and she learned how to build brain capacity
- In order to not fail you need to possess freedom, take opportunities, have trust, and being able to admit because if not, it'll lead to blaming, making excuses, denying, and quitting.

Officer of Communications:

Megan Jensen –

- She attended the EOPS pride event where she liked it

Officer of Academic Affairs:

None.

Officer of External Affairs:

Gissel Sanchez –

- *She presented in her class regarding the Ballet Bowl where students scanned the QR code*
- *Attended the voter registration event and spoke with the president to see how she can reach out to students in nonpartisan resources to better inform them*

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Student Trustee:

Felipe Robles –

- *He was with the SS Triple C where he got interesting information*
- *He spoke with Brandon Cooley where they want us to consider for the ASCOD tabling*
- *Our structure compared to other district structures are different*
- *We need to make sure we are educating our students as to regards of voting*

Senators:

Christopher Martinez –

- *Last week on Wednesday he attended the roadrunner motors opening event*
- *Last weekend on Saturday he attended the Annual Convening for College Corps*
- *TASC will have writing workshops at the library*

Paulina Verdugo –

- *Attended the Inland Empire where she met a student involved in the Student Senate at San Bernardino*
- *Attended the Social Justice registration voting event*
- *You are now able to register for the Cal State Long Beach*

Advisors:

Carlos Maldonado:

- *Social Justice club hosted a fair today*
- *If students are stressed and anxious, they have access to timely care which is 24/7 mental health support*
- *Reminder that 3 College of The Desert Student Board of Trustee seats are open as they are highly important*
- *During the Board of Trustee meeting, they chose to extend the contract to June 30th for president Hope due to the presidential search occurring in March.*
- *Today is the last day to register ahead of time for election*
- *He admires that we are engaging and sharing information with other students*
- *Next Thursday there will be an active mind exhibit dedicated for students with mental health issues such as suicide*

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 Website Redesign Committee Update – ASCOD Student Senate will receive an update on the Website Redesign Committee

7.2 Advocacy Academy – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the plan for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Advocacy Academy Conference occurring November 22nd – 24th, 2024.

7.3 SSSCC Visit – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the upcoming Student Senate for California Community Colleges visit occurring Nov 8th, 2024

7.4 ASACC Conference – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss attending the American Student Associate of Community Colleges National Student Advocacy conference occurring March 15th – 18th, 2025

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

8.7 Events / Felipe Robles:

- They will get together to have an informational session
- ASCOD members may join to inform of their availability for their event

8.14 Budget Sub-Committee / Juan Falcon:

- Briefly met, there was no action items and it was more of an informational meeting
- Annual budget report is being worked on as it will be presented to the Board

8.25 Enrollment Management Committee / Paulina Verdugo:

- First meeting will be held tomorrow
- Report will be given next ASCOD meeting

8.41 Website Redesign Steering Committee / Felipe Robles:

- They will guide the person who will provide options for furniture
- They are working on making definitions for certain things
- If ASCOD members have ideas, we can inform him so he can inform the group

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
8.39 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: Members:	8.40 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: Members:

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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*

None.

10. Adjournment: 3:14 pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date

