

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 04/21/2025



1. Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:03pm

Roll Call:

Executive Officers:

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

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 E. Castillo. It was carried with no objections.

Approval of 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. **Reports:**

ASCOD President:

Kaden Olson:

- *ASCOD applications are now opened*

ASCOD Vice President:

Juan Falcon:

- *It was important and good to be able to attend the Mobius Conference to represent ASCOD especially because he unfortunately couldn't attend*

Secretary:

Evelyn Castillo:

- *Attended the Mobius Conference along with Daisy and Rachel where I got the opportunity to hear speakers talk about leadership. The information that stuck was the following:*
 - *Those in charge of your legacy are those you impacted*
 - *Don't take criticism from someone you wouldn't take advice from*
- *Had a training for College Corps on Monday where I learned that over at Diesel mechanics, which is where automotive classes are held, they offer free services to students and the public but students are prioritized of course and if you want work done on your car, just bring the stuff and they will do the labor*
- *At the mental health wellness training for college corps that I had on Wednesday, I learned that when it comes to Individuals who struggle, don't try to diagnose them but rather listen and offer support or resources.*
- *Senator Martinez created a sign outside of ASCOD so check it out as it looks very creative and pretty.*

Officer of Communications:

None.

Officer of Academic Affairs:

Daisy Mendieta:

- *Attended the mobius conference as it was amazing, great to hear about ppl about different areas such as teachers, sports player and they all said that u should push yourself to strive for more whether u feel ready or not*
- *Attended the state conference and she got to hear the plans about the Coachella valley, met Mary Jane*

Officer of External Affairs:

None.

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Student Trustee:

None.

Senators:*Rachel Sanchez:*

- *Met mobius event everyone wants to communicate, share stories, network.*
- *We met to an individual and his biggest thing was that we need to have faith in ourselves*

Keith Prouty:

- *Attended state of the fourth, economic status was highlighted and he socialized*
- *Second mobius event was more for space engineering, a volunteer opportunity where they are working on issues on the Salton Sea, paid position, student position*
- *Student presenter attended and graduated from COD*

Advisors:*Carlos Maldonado:*

- *Diversity committee has been meeting trying to come up with a way to give students and the campus a space to be able to have a conversation about the policy changes and uneasiness May 14th at the potluck theater where they hope for the community to ask questions at 12:30 till 1:50ish*
- *Thanked Paulina for reading the proclamation reader as May 16th is the day of the meeting*
- *Commence day is May 27th at 4pm but check-in is 2:30 at Acrisure arena, they will receive four tickets*
- *ASCOD president and student trustee will be participate, there will also be a student singer, tassel programing was being used for pronounciation*
- *Admission office u can pick up your regalia and thank the foundation for paying for it*
- *Received an email asking for the information asking about the budget, offered some information at the retreat at summer (we have 3 clots of money that are administered by students which has 35k intended to represent students - student center fee-student admission fee- general fund account about 31k.*

Danny Torres:

- *Denim day will be on the 29th (Wednesday) and 30th (Thursday) who focus on advocating on those who went through sexual abuse trauma where you can view individual stories and write on jeans*
- *ASCOD applications have gone live*

- *May is Asian American and Pacific Islander and Heritage Month where the library will be creating a display that celebrates voices, faces and stories of those who identify from COD*
- *April 30th is the deadline (check Zoom)*
- *Attended Mobius event on the 17th, as it was a great conference, one speaker/student is local so the project he is now working on is towards the cleanup and conversation of the Salton Sea and they also attended COD*

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 CSUSB Outreach - *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve developing a workgroup to foster a connection between College of The Desert's student government and California State University San Bernardino's Student Government. It was moved by G. Sanchez and seconded by D. Mendieta to discuss. Voting passed 11-0 to appoint J. Perez, K. Prouty, J. Falcon, G. Sanchez, D. Mendieta.*

5.2 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 E. Castillo to discuss. Voting passed unanimously to approve in adding changes to the committees.*

Club Charter: *None.*

6. Information/Discussion Items:

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

6.2 ASCOD Meeting Time - *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss their regular meeting time.*

- *Adding a timer for conversations can help us stay on track*

6.3 Roadrunner Rodeo Availability - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss their availability for Roadrunner Rodeo

- Event is on a Wednesday, May 7th from 6pm - 9pm but set up will be 4pm - 10m.
- Availability Schedule for ASCOD members:
 - N. Davidsen: Full Time
 - K. Prouty: Full Time
 - E. Castillo: Full Time
 - J. Falcon: Full Time
 - D. Mendieta: Full Time
 - G. Sanchez: Full time
 - J. Perez: All day
 - C. Martinez: 9pm - 10pm
 - R. Sanchez: 5pm - 10pm

6.4 Highschool Visitation Days Availability - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss their availability for high school Visitation Days occurring April 25th, and May 2nd.

- Availability schedule for ASCOD members:
 - E. Castillo: May 2nd (Full Time)
 - K. Olson: May 2nd (11:30 - 12:30)
 - J. Falcon: Both Days (Full Time)
 - K. Prouty: Both Days (Full Time)
 - D. Mendieta: Both Days (Full Time)
 - J. Perez: Both Days (Full Time)
 - R. Sanchez: April 25th (10:30- 12:30pm)
 - P. Verdugo: May 2nd (11:30-12:30pm)

7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

None.

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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:

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*

None.

10. Adjournment: 4:11pm

- Motion was carried to extend the meeting to 4:10 with no objections.
- Motion failed to extend the meeting to 4:20 with a voting of 7-5.

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date