

# Associated Students of College of the Desert

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## ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 04/28/2025



### 1. Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:05pm

#### Roll Call:

##### Executive Officers:

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

##### Senators:

Senator 1: Christopher Martinez (present)  
Senator 2: Paulina Verdugo (zoom)  
Senator 3: Rachel Sanchez (present)  
Senator 4: Natani Davidsen (absent)  
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 E. Castillo and seconded by J. Falcon. It was carried with no objections.*

### Approval of Minutes

No objections to approve Minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

### 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:*

- *Bookstore advisory committee at 3:30pm - 4:30pm, email was sent out to see if anyone can attend.*

**ASCOD Vice President:**

*Juan Falcon:*

- *Public forum which will take place in person Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> in person at the potluck theater from 5:30pm - 9:30pm.*
- *Roadrunner rodeo 6-9 on May*
- *Wanted to bring up accountability where if someone does not commit their responsibility where it affects the teams. We all had obligations we should meet rather than enjoying the benefits of being part of student government*

**Secretary:**

*None.*

**Officer of Communications:**

*None.*

**Officer of Academic Affairs:**

*None.*

**Officer of External Affairs:**

*None.*

**Officer of Fiscal Affairs:**

*None.*

**Student Trustee:**

*None.*

**Senators:**

Christopher Martinez:

- *Tomorrow is "Denim Day" at the Indio campus from 11-1 and here at pd the other day*
- *Cod scholarship closes this Friday*

Paulina Verdugo:

- On Monday sexual services are being offered at the cravens in room 133 which include birth control, pregnancy testing, etc.
- Apply for transfer and graduation ceremony that is coming up in May

Keith Prouty:

- TASC center has applications opened for student works, QR code is available in the library

Jenitza Perez:

- Jesus Christ super star happening on the weekend 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at the McCallum theater.
- Hydrate

**Advisors:**

Danny Torres:

- Tomorrow and Wednesday are denim day where tomorrow it is from 11-1 at Indio and here at Palm Desert campus from 11-2.
- Roadrunner rodeo will occur which is next week on Wednesday

**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 ASCOD Conference Selection Process** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve moving forward with creating a system for ASCOD to directly select their representatives for conferences. It was moved by K. Prouty and seconded by D. Mendieta to discuss. Voting passed 7.4 to approve. K. Prouty moved to refer to ask the constitution and bylaws but motion failed. J. Falcon requested a roll call vote.

ASCOD Member:	No	Yes
Juan Falcon		X
Evelyn Castillo	X	
Felipe Robles		X
Daisy Mendieta	X	
Megan Jensen		X
Abraham Carbajal		X
Christopher Martinez		X
Paulina Verdugo		X
Rachel Sanchez	X	

Keith Prouty	X	
Jenitza Perez		X

**Club Charter:** None.

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

**6.1 General Assembly Debrief** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results of the General Assembly conference attendance. There was one objection to move into which led to a voting which resulted in 8-3 which meant it was moved to discussed. Later, J. Falcon moved to postpone which was seconded by C. Martinez with no objections.

**6.2 ASCOD Events** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss their goal for events. There was one objection to move into which led to a voting which resulted in 9-1 which meant it was moved to discussed.

**6.3 ASCOD Transparency** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss how they can increase transparency in their discussions.

**6.4 Indio Campus Safety** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the safety perceptions of College of the Deserts Indio Campus.

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

### 7.3 Constitution and Bylaws Committee / P. Prouty

- He got elected as a chair
- Next meeting will be coming in case you want to involve discussion either Thursday afternoon
- ASCOD Bylaws were discussed such as:
  - Consequences
  - Accountability
  - Elements of meeting because of brown act
  - Powers and duties of ASCOD members

### 7.16 COD Foundation Board Committee / C. Martinez:

- An annual report of what's going in the finances at the college was provided
- A few members are stepping down
- There is a thing called "President circle" where people can donate annually
- pride leaders came and gave a presentation to share their story

#### 7.28 Food Advisory Committee / J. Falcon:

- They want to bring more options of food on the go like Salads, Teriyaki bowls, or even pizza.
- Even want to add a POS to make it easier for ordering which will work on Android or iPhone
- Three goals for them are:
  - o Increase student access to food services
  - o Increase student access to affordable food services
  - o Increase customer and student and staff satisfaction

#### 7.41 Website Redesign Steering Committee / J. Falcon

- Focusing on what document needs to be purged or what is really needed for students
- Their next meeting got canceled

### **ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

### **COD STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

<b>7.27 Transfer Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo, R. Sanchez</b>	<b>7.28 Academic Senate: E. Castillo (temp)</b>
<b>7.29 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>

### **8. Future Agenda Item:**

*Kaden Olson:*

- *Public Safety Concern: to get a Public Safety officer to be a guest speaker at one of our ASCOD meetings.*

*Juan Falcon:*

- *To discuss Job accountability and responsibility of ASCOD members.*

**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:*

- Wednesday is denim day and dean's tea from 12-1 in the SOC 001 and a folklorico dance will be present
- Thanking everyone who was at the high school visit days who tabled for ASCOD and applications
- Next high school visitation day is Friday

- ASCOD applications are opened, deadline is this Thursday at 5pm.

**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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Signature ASCOD Advisor

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Date