

# Associated Students of College of the Desert

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## ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 08/26/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**  
Call to Order: 2:00pm

**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: Vacant  
Officer of External Affairs: Vacant  
Officer of Communications: Megan Jensen (present)  
Student Trustee: Felipe Robles (present)

**Senators:**

Senator 1: Christopher Martinez (present)  
Senator 2: Paulina Verdugo (present)  
Senator 3: Jose Miguel Morisco (absent)

**Advisors:**

Carlos Maldonado: (present)  
Danny Torres: (present)

**Approval of Agenda**

*It was moved by C. Martinez to approve the agenda, seconded by J. Falcon. Motion carried without objection.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes will be postponed until next ASCOD meeting. It was moved by F. Robles and, seconded by C. Martinez. Motion carried without objection.*

2. **Public Comment:**  
*None.*

3. **Guest Speaker:**  
*None.*

4. **COVID Updates:**  
*None.*

4. **Reports:**

**ASCOD President:**

*Kaden Olson –*

- Had gone to the Indio campus and stated that it was nice*
- Sheet for office hours has been sent out*

**ASCOD Vice President:**

None.

**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 –*

- Pantry is now open and available and he had completed a shift there
- He attended the welcoming tents and mentioned that we need to engage because they shy to ask for help

**Advisors:**

*Carlos –*

- *Encourages us to connect with our colleagues*
- *As part of student government, to ask for student feedback*
- *Request to speak in a class to build connections*
- *We are the pathway to whether a student will stay or leave*
- *C. Martinez is a good example in building connects because he is always smiling and talking*

**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 ASCOD Appointments–** *The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the President's recommendations for filling vacant positions as follows Academic Affairs – Daisy Mendieta, External Affairs – Gissel Sanchez, Independent Senator – Rachel Sanchez, and the Independent Senator – John Sarrouf. It was motioned by E. Castillo and seconded by C. Martinez with no objections. Motion carried 6 to 0, in favor. Unanimous decision.*

**6.2 COD Mascot naming –** *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve a recommendation for the COD mascot naming process. It was motioned by P. Verdugo and seconded by C. Martinez with no objections. It was motioned by J. Falcon and seconded by P. Verdugo to amend in order to approve Rodney as the ASCOD mascot. Motion carried 5 to 1, in favor.*

**6.3 Committee Appointments** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve Committee appointments. This business will be postponed. *It was motioned by C. Martinez and seconded by J. Falcon with no objections.*

**6.4 CCCSAA Conference Budget** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a budget not to exceed \$10,000 to attend the CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference Fall 2024. *It was motioned by P. Verdugo and seconded by C. Martinez. Motion carried 5 to 1 to keep the budget at \$10,000.*

**Club Charter:**  
None.

**7. Information/Discussion Items**

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**7.1 Welcome Day** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results of the COD Welcome Day event from August 8, 2024.

**7.2 Club Charter Process** – ASCOD Student Senate will receive an update regarding the ASCOD/ICC Club Charter Process

**8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:**

Standing Committee: F. Robles –

- Club rush and it is being planned to set up parameters, location, time, and layout for the events to work with ICC (Inner Club Council).

**ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES**

<p><b>8.1 Budget and Finance:</b> Chair: Members: J. Beltran</p>	<p><b>8.2 Executive Council:</b> Chair: Members:</p>
<p><b>8.3 Constitution and Bylaws:</b> Chair: Members: M. Jensen</p>	<p><b>8.4 Governmental Relations:</b> Chair: Members: J. Beltran, K. Olson, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo</p>
<p><b>8.5 Equity and Diversity:</b> Chair: Members: F. Robles</p>	<p><b>8.6 Public Relations:</b> Chair: Members: F. Robles, K. Olson, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, M. Jensen</p>
<p><b>8.7 Events:</b> Chair: Members: J. Falcon, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, F. Robles, J. Beltran, K. Olson</p>	<p><b>8.8 Elections Committee:</b> Chair: Members: C. Martinez, P. Verdugo</p>

### COD STANDING COMMITTEES

8.09 Academic Calendar Committee: J. Falcon	8.10 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee): J. Falcon
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	8.20 Equity Committee: F. Robles
8.21 Facilities Advisory Committee: J. Beltran	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	8.24 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee: J. Falcon
8.25 Outreach/Training (CPC Sub-Committee): C. Martinez	8.26 Safety Committee: N/A
8.27 Transfer Advisory Committee: P. Verdugo	8.28 Academic Senate: E. Castillo (temp)
8.29 COD Foundation Board: D. K. Olson	

### COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

8.30 Curriculum Committee: J. Morisco	8.31 Educational Policies and Practices: J. Falcon
8.32 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: N/A	8.33 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: N/A

### COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Palms Springs Development Project Advisory Group: F. Robles, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo	The accreditation Workgroup:

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*

F. Robles –

- On social media, they want to do a student spotlights in speaking or getting put on the regional Instagram to show faces that are involved on campus for College of The Desert.

10. **Adjournment:** 3:18pm

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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