

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 1/27/2025



1. Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:01pm

Roll Call:

Executive Officers:

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

Senators:

Senator 1: Christopher Martinez (present)
Senator 2: Paulina Verdugo (present)
Senator 3: Rashel Sanchez (present)
Senator 4: Johnny Sarrouf (absent)
Senator 5: Natani Davidsen (present/zoom)
Senator 6: Keith Prouty (present)
Offsite Senator: Jenitza Perez (present/zoom)

Advisors:

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

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

No objections in approving the 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:

- There is a variety of things going on for TASC for the welcome week from January 27th - 31st which will involve tutoring, study jam, and other academic resources
- On Canvas there is an online resource known as Net-Tutor that can be helpful

ASCOD Vice President:

None.

Secretary:

None.

Officer of Communications:

None.

Officer of Academic Affairs:

Daisy Mendieta:

- *Welcome day went by smoothly but some of the tours did have to get canceled but at least they were excited and curious to be here and enjoyed looking at the available resources.*

Officer of External Affairs:

Gissel Sanchez:

- *Welcome day was fun as she was guiding students but she was able to meet them and was even a part of the Student Panel where she got to speak about her experiences.*
- *An announcement as a student worker at the Dreamer Resource Center with everything going on with the political climate to be careful with the inaccurate information that is going around as to regards to ice checkpoints*
- *The Dreamer Resource center is partnered with TODEC which is free immigration services so any questions you are able to connect to ask*

- *Financial Aid Office and the Dreamer Resource Center are partnering to help students with their applications to avoid them messing up their credits by accident and it will occur in February*
- *In College Corps she was asked by an ambassador to do a presentation of Imposter Syndrome which was a training at one of the conventions in Sacramento and after a worker at for the Trio Veteran was impressed and asked her to present again for the Trio Veterans Center*

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Student Trustee:

Felipe Robles:

- *Welcome Day event was a nice event as it provided a face to the students who can relate to some of the stories you have once you share and there were a lot of smiles throughout the vent*
- *As for the feedback to this event there will be a meeting tomorrow with Cindy at 2pm in the CSSC Room 269*

Senators:

Paulina Verdugo:

- *As the semester starts there will be a \$5 textbook rental*
- *She is the College Corps ambassador where she had a presentation where she used the information, she learned at the Advocacy Academy in Sacramento*
- *Central Pantry is now opened from Monday - Thursday*

Christopher Martinez:

- *Resources are available at the library such as checking out laptops and calculators*
- *Welcome Day was awesome as they were able to interact with the new incoming students*
- *Had his empowerment submit last week for College Corps and he even got to present on the topic of "Food Insecurity"*

Rashel Sanchez:

- *It is important to mention the immigration topic as a lot of students are wondering in uncertainty and are scared*

Advisors:

Danny Torres:

- *An email will be sent out to the ASCOD members regarding details on the Token Transit app*
- *Welcome Day was a successful day thanks to the ASCOD members volunteer work especially for the tours.*

Carlos Maldonado:

- *It is important to highlight the noise that is going on regarding to the immigration topic and the political ambitions going on that are affecting the mental health of students*
- *Our goal is to have our 1st draft from the administrative procedures by College Planning Council by the end of February as it is important to understand our responsibilities and how our decisions play a role*
- *Students being involved makes it easier as students like to interact with other students and it means a lot to have that contribute from the ASCOD members*
- *Those who attended the CCSSA Conference wants us to complete the sample survey to provide feedback*
- *Most students were not aware that our academic resources and TASC are free so it is important to mention it that it is a low-cost resource*

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 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 C. Martinez to discuss. It was approved to add changes to the committee member list.*

5.2 California Fires - *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve taking action regarding the California Wildfires. It was moved by P. Verdugo and seconded by K. Prouty to discuss.*

Club Charter: International Ping Pong Club

It was approved to be chartered with no objections

6. **Information/Discussion Items:**

6.1 COD Roadrunner Rally – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the outcomes of the Roadrunner Rally that occurred on January 15th, 2025.

6.2 Club Rush - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the outcomes of the Roadrunner Rally that occurred on January 15th, 2025.

6.3 ASACC Conference - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the American Student Association of Community Colleges conference occurring March 15-17, 2025.

6.4 Office Hours - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss office hours and how they work.

6.5 ASCOD Goals - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and reflect upon its goals for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

8. **Committee and Taskforce Reports:**

No objections to postpone this section for next week

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:

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*

Felipe Robles:

- *There is confirmation on the new President and Vice President known as Dean Phillip.*
- *Amanda will be seen on YouTube for an Interview with the Public Relations office*

Danny Torres:

- Check ASCOD emails as communication gets sent through there a lot
- For the new ASCOD members, they have to stop by his office for their ASCOD materials

Carlos Maldonado:

- Recommended a change to the agenda to add the ASCOD members position next to their name

10. Adjournment: 4:05pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date