

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 09/16/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**
Call to Order: 2:02pm

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
Officer of External Affairs: Gissel Sanchez
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)
Senator 4: Rachel Sanchez (present)
Senator 5: John Sarrouf (absent)

Advisors:

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion 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.

3. **Guest Speaker:**

Nashelle Mendoza – Career & Workforce Solutions (20 mins)

- *Her role is to partner with employers so undocumented students don't feel discouraged and hold hope so they can be given an internship*

- *The goal is to maximize student reach for students so they are able to be prepared and confident when it comes to an interview*
- *A resource is an app called "Handshake" where students may look for positions, internships, or employment*
- *You are also able to receive college credit and work experience hours*
- *An internship fair will be held October 2nd from 10am – 1pm*
- *They are located at the Career Center from Monday to Friday during 8am – 5pm*

4. **COVID Updates:**

None.

5. **Reports:**

ASCOD President:

None.

ASCOD Vice President:

Juan Falcon –

- *Encourages us to push for club rush, talk about it in every class to increase participation. Reach out, make an impact*

Secretary:

None.

Officer of Communications:

None.

Officer of Academic Affairs:

None.

Officer of External Affairs:

None.

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Student Trustee:

Felipe Robles –

- *Yesterday was the first day of Hispanic Heritage month until October 15th*
- *Regional Instagram has a content interview where they want us to talk about our experience/culture*
- *October 3rd there will be an art reception. A Salvadorean will be coming from LA and there will be a jazz band + Danny Torres performing. There will also be tabling to sell products. Murals can also be gone and it's opened to the public, not just students*
- *Those affected by fires in region, the SS Triple C is offering scholarships*

Senators:

Christopher Martinez –

- *Last Friday, he spoke Infront of the Associate of Community College Administrator to share his experience on College Corps and how it developed in him. President Hope was present and this opportunity helped his public skills*

Paulina Verdugo:

None.

Advisors:

Danny Torres:

- *On Wednesday September 18th from 3:30pm – 4:30pm in the multipurpose room located in the Craven Student Center, there will be a COD talk*

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 Committee Appointments – *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly approve Committee appointments. It was motioned by F. Robles and seconded by G. Sanchez with no objections.*

Club Charter:

None.

7. Information/Discussion Items:

Motion to table 7.1 and 7.2 which was moved by E. Castillo and seconded by R. Sanchez with no objections and it was due to the fact that Carlos Maldonado is absent and cannot provide further information on the discussion

7.1 ASCOD Office Hours – *ASCOD Student Senate will discuss office hours and their implementation.*

7.2 SSSCC – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the Student Senate for California Community Colleges and their involvement in it.

7.3 Welcome Week – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results of the Fall 2024 Welcome Week

Motion to Board 7.1 AND 7.2 which was moved by F. Robles and seconded by J. Falcon with no objections.

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

8.7 Events - Felipe Robles:

- *In the committee meeting, they will plan the event, be a part of it, recap, and overall do better for welcome week*
- *Position elections were held last Monday and Felipe is the chair of this committee*
- *Expect emails related to discussions and meetings*
- *Brought up positions regarding to sign up for positions regarding Club rush*

8.17 College Planning Council (CPC) - Felipe Robles:

- *New additions and changes were made to the review process*
- *Jake is the new lawyer by the college to look at the Administrative and Board policy*
- *Their focus is Chapter 2; procedures that Board of Trustees should follow*
- *A group may show up on campus on the 26th and 27th*

8.09 Academic Senate - Daisy Mendieta:

- *They are working on a renewal that will go out in December where students will be able to improve their GPA. In other words, prerecorded grades would be aviated to remove F's or W's but there needs to be a consecutive progress*

8.11 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee) – Juan Falcon:

- *There are plans for the future, a 10-year map*
- *Programs, student adequacy plan will be reviewed*
- *They have finalized when Spring break will begin for 2026 which is the center of semester*

8.14 Budget Sub-Committee – Juan Falcon:

- California is on a deficient of 25 billion which has a big impact on budgets
- College of The Desert is 25 million in reserves because their planning has been well since they never overspend
- Their focus right now is the 70% retention from COD students, as every fall semester students are lost
- An idea is to change the College of The Desert environment

8.38 Educational Policies and Practices – Juan Falcon:

- Change the verbiage where advisors are making the decision on who gets to be in the committee without needing approval
- Faculty wasn't able to have their own pointing's and have to wait for approval from the dean

8.18 Enrollment Management Committee - Kaden Olson:

- First meeting will be held on the upcoming Wednesday on September 11th, 2024

8.41 Website Redesign Steering Committee – Christopher Martinez:

- At the meeting there was an introduction for the Yoodle company.
- Discovery discussion is taking place to review the COD website and facility on campus
- They met the Yoodle President
- Next meeting will take place on September 18th, 2024.

8.33 Outreach / Training (CPC Sub-Committee) – Christopher Martinez:

- The zoom meeting was having issues so they are on stand by for upcoming meeting

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Members: J. Falcon, C. Martinez, P. Verdugo, K. Olson, D. Mendieta, R. Sanchez

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:

- Region legislative student is looking for information about technology regarding students receiving computers from EOPS or Cal works but not being able to use the programs or finding issues. They are willingly to provide training in this skill*

10. Adjournment: 3:43pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date