

# Associated Students of College of the Desert

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## ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 09/18/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**  
Call to Order: 2:10pm

**Roll Call:**

**Executive Officers:**

President: Kelly Merchant (present)  
Vice President: DJuane Nunley (present)  
Secretary: Madaline Nunley (present)  
Officer of Fiscal Affairs: Kaden Olson (present)  
Officer of Academic Affairs Madigan Escobar (present)  
Officer of External Affairs: Felipe Robles (present-late)  
Officer of Communications: Donovan Upp (present)  
Student Trustee: Isaac Zarco (present)

**Senators:**

Senator 1: Kiara Thomas (present)  
Senator 2: Megan Jensen (present)  
Senator 3: Denzel Garcia (present)  
Senator 4: Daniela Mateus-Paloma (present)  
Senator 5: Christofer Martinez (present)  
Senator 6: Vacant

**Advisors:**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

*It was moved by K. Olson to approve the agenda, seconded by M. Escobar. Motion carried without objection.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*It was moved by K. Olson to approve the agenda, seconded by M. Escobar. Motion carried without objection.*

2. **Public Comment:**

None.

3. **Guest Speaker:**

**Allen Kuo** - Textbook Affordability Fellow, Michelson 20 Million Minds Foundation (20 mins)

- *Miramar college – now ucla*
- *Captured market, and monopoly are reason for cost.*
- *Open*
  - *Releasing things under an open license and rerelease them to the public*
  - *More collaboration and innovation*
  - *Linux*
  - *Open access*
    - *Data and research journals*
- *OER*
  - *open stax*
  - *final round of funding for ZTC textbook s*
- *advocating*
  - *increase student awareness*

- zoom backgrounds – write up a thank you letter send to prof and create a zoom background
- student surveys
  - ask students
- student panel
  - flex
  - share student experiences to faculty
- tabling by student govt
- student govt resolution
- mini campaign to get students
  - meet with those people and establish where your campus on oer
  - campaign plan?
  - How can we get faculty to promote this movement

#### 4. **COVID Updates:**

*None.*

#### 5. **Reports:**

##### **ASCOD President:**

- *Reported on the Joint Cabinet group*
  - *There was a security breach in the National Clearing House which did not affect COD.*
  - *The breach was isolated to two former members of a different collegel*
  - *Current district policy on AB1887 is to restrict travel to states with discriminatory policies*
- *Felt encouraged following frustrations of Events committee. We are facing problems we haven't faced previously*

##### **ASCOD Vice President:**

- ICC
  - CLUB RUSH IS COMING UP 25-26
  - RECHARTER AND NEW CLUBS

##### **Secretary:**

*None.*

##### **Officer of Communications:**

*None.*

##### **Officer of Academic Affairs:**

*None.*

##### **Officer of External Affairs:**

*None.*

##### **Officer of Fiscal Affairs:**

*None.*

##### **Student Trustee:**

- *BOT meeting on Friday and special meeting*
- *Proclamations*
  - *National Hispanic month*
  - *Transfer month*
  - *Disabilities employment awareness month*
- *COD alumni hunt*
- *Academic senate*
  - *Student spotlight*
  - *Time during the meeting for students to talk about their experience – says its engaging*
- *Special meeting*
  - *Going over brown act*

- *Presentation on fiscal*
- *Accessibility for students*
- *Gift tickets – like Willy Wonka*
  - *Tell their story to the president*
- *Changing picture the slogan, new poster for COD*
- *Ab 1705 or 1725*
  - *115 students are transfer level 1 in the first year*
- *Accreditation*

**Senators:**

*Daniela Mateus – introduced herself*

**Advisors:**

*Carlos:*

- *excited about us being so many*
- *you would not be able to meet if we didn't have quorum in the room*
- *cameras and mics on*
- *members need to be in a room or attend from another site*

*Danny:*

- *invite everyone to COD talks, suicide awareness month flyer is being shared to officer of communications sept 20<sup>th</sup> \_*
- *check ASCOD emails , communications from mycod email will discontinue*

**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 take action to adjust the ASCOD / COD Standing Committee appointments for the 2023- 2024 academic year.

*Moved by K. Olson and seconded by K. Thomas.*

*The list of adjustments are as follows*

*8.09 Academic Calendar – K.Thomas replaced K. Merchant*

*8.11 Bookstore Advisory – M. Jensen will be serving with I. Zarco*

*8.8 Enrollment Management- M. Jensen replaced M. Escobar.*

*8.22 Food Services – C. Martinez replaced K.Olson*

*8.25 Outreach Training – C. Martinez replaced I. Zarco*

*8.26 Safety Committee – M. Jensen replaced K.Merchant*

*8.28 Academic Senate – M. Escobar replaced D. Garcia*

*8.31 Faculty Development- D. Upp was appointed*

*D. Garcia was added to the Accreditation workgroup*

*K. Olson replaced K. Merchant on the Educational Master Plan Workgroup*

**6.2 ASCOD Trainings Calendar** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a calendar for leadership trainings for the 2023-2024 academic year.

*Moved from D. Garcia and seconded by K. Olson.*

*The following dates were proposed to have a mandatory one hour training from 4-5 held at the Office of Student Life*

*October 9*

*October 13*

*November 6*

*November 27*

December 4

*Discussion revealed there are scheduling conflicts for members during proposed dates. K. Merchant and C. Maldonado will revisit the plan and make adjustments to present at the next meeting.*

**6.3 Club Rush Budget** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a budget not to exceed \$500 for Club Rush occurring September 25-26.

*Moved K. Olson seconded by I. Zarco.*

*Events committee chair, K. Merchant, explained this budget would cover the cost of pizza for club members and decorations for Club Rush*

*Budget approved unanimously.*

**6.4 Spirit Week Budget** – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a budget not to exceed \$500 for Spirit Week occurring September 27-28.

*Moved by M. Escobar and seconded by K. Olson.*

*Events committee chair, K. Merchant, explained this budget would cover the cost of donuts and coffee event for Spirit Week.*

*Budget approved unanimously.*

**6.5 COD Public Safety Standards of Operating Procedures Updates** - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take a stance on the Public Safety Standards SOP as presented by Student Trustee Zarco and President Merchant.

*Moved by K. Olson and seconded by M.*

*Trustee Zarco summarized the changes he found in the SOP.*

- *Mission statement*
  - *safe secure community*
- *anything that is found will be donated*
- *picture identification with name*
  - *lost and found roles*
- *student records*
  - *data tell*
    - *current and past students*
    - *Public Safety has to make sure its confidential*

*No concerns found in this portion.*

*President Merchant did not have an opportunity to present her portion.*

*Due to time, the review of this SOP will be continued in the following ASCOD meeting.*

### **Club Charter:**

College of the Desert Future Educators Club

*K. Merchant read the description of the club aloud. Presented no remarkable items in the club charter. Club was approved unanimously.*

College of the Desert Planned Parenthood Generation Action

*K. Merchant read the description of the club aloud. Presented no remarkable items in the club charter. Club was approved unanimously.*

Sabor a Mi Tierra

*K. Merchant read the description of the club aloud. Presented no remarkable items in the club charter. Club was approved unanimously.*

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

None.

**8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:**

**ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES**

<b>8.1 Budget and Finance:</b> Chair: K. Olsen  Members: K. Thomas & M. Nunley	<b>8.2 Executive Council:</b> Chair: K. Merchant Members: D. Nunley, M. Nunley, I. Zarco, K. Olson, D. Upp, F. Robles
<b>8.3 Constitution and Bylaws:</b> Chair: M. Escobar Members: K. Merchant, K. Olson	<b>8.4 Governmental Relations:</b> Chair: D. Garcia Members: I. Zarco, M. Escobar
<b>8.5 Equity and Diversity:</b> Chair: D. Nunley Members: F. Robles, K. Thomas	<b>8.6 Public Relations:</b> Chair: M. Nunley Members: F. Robles, D. Nunley
<b>8.7 Events:</b> Chair: K. Merchant Members: K. Olson, M. Nunley, M. Escobar, D. Garcia	<b>8.8 Elections Committee:</b> Chair: K. Merchant  Members: D. Garcia, F. Robles

**COD STANDING COMMITTEES**

<b>8.09 Academic Calendar Committee:</b> K. Thomas	<b>8.10 Assessment of Planning &amp; Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee):</b> M. Nunley
<b>8.11 Bookstore Advisory Committee:</b> I. Zarco, M. Jensen	<b>8.12 Budget Sub-Committee:</b> K. Olson
<b>8.13 College Planning Council (CPC):</b> K. Merchant, I. Zarco	<b>8.14 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee:</b> K. Merchant
<b>8.15 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee:</b> K. Olson	<b>8.16 Diversity Committee:</b> D. Nunley
<b>8.17 DSPS Advisory Committee:</b> K. Thomas	<b>8.18 Enrollment Management Committee:</b> M. Escobar
<b>8.19 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee:</b> M. Nunley	<b>8.20 Equity Committee:</b> D. Nunley
<b>8.21 Facilities Advisory Committee:</b> M. Escobar	<b>8.22 Food Services Advisory Committee:</b> D. Upp, D. Nunley, F. Robles, C. Martinez
<b>8.23 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee:</b> K. Thomas	<b>8.24 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee:</b> F. Robles
<b>8.25 Outreach/Training (CPC Sub-Committee):</b> C. Martinez	<b>8.26 Safety Committee:</b> M. Jensen
<b>8.27 Transfer Advisory Committee:</b> M. Nunley	<b>8.28 Academic Senate:</b> M. Escobar
<b>8.29 COD Foundation Board:</b> D. Upp	<b>8.30 Information and Technology Systems:</b> D. Upp
<b>8.31 Faculty Development Committee:</b> D. Upp	

**COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES**

<b>8.32 Curriculum Committee:</b> D. Garcia	<b>8.33 Educational Policies and Practices:</b> D. Garcia
<b>8.34 Educational Technologies and Distance Education:</b> M. Escobar	<b>8.35 Outcomes and Assessment Committee:</b> F. Robles

**COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

<b>Palms Springs Development Project Advisory Group: K. Merchant</b>	<b>The accreditation Workgroup: D. Garcia</b>
<b>Resource Lunches Committee:</b> <b>Chair: I. Zarco</b> <b>Members: K. Olson, D. Garcia, M. Jensen, M. Escobar</b>	<b>Educational Master Plan Workgroup:</b> <b>K. Olson, I. Zarco</b>

9. **Communication from the floor:** *None*

10. **Adjournment:** 4:00 pm

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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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