

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 11/04/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**

Call to Order: 2:04 pm

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 (present)
Officer of External Affairs: Gissel Sanchez (present)
Officer of Communications: Megan Jensen (present)
Student Trustee: Felipe Robles (present)

Senators:

Senator 1: Christopher Martinez (absent)
Senator 2: Paulina Verdugo (present)
Senator 3: Rachel Sanchez (late)
Senator 4: Johnny Sarrouf (present)

Advisors:

Carlos Maldonado: (Present)
Danny Torres: (Absent)

Approval of Agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda which was moved by E. Castillo and seconded by D. Mendieta.
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. **COVID Updates:**

None.

5. **Reports:**

ASCOD President:

None.

ASCOD Vice President:

None.

Secretary:

None.

Officer of Communications:

Megan Jensen:

- *Is requesting photos taken at Spooky Spectacular so they can be shared*

Officer of Academic Affairs:

Daisy Mendieta:

- *College reps are coming to campus this week for a 1 on 1 informational meeting*

Officer of External Affairs:

Gissel Sanchez:

- *Attended the Block Party and stated it was fun and it had a lot of student interaction and there was even a costume contest*
- *The next day, there will be a UC and Cal State workshop at the South annex room for transfer students*
- *Today was Dia de Los Muertos with Gents Alliance and One Future Valley in the MPR room. They had resources like MESA, Trio, and Foster Youth*
- *Gents Alliance and Cal State are going to collab for a student education plan workshop on the 14th of November*
- *Tomorrow is election day so the social justice club is hosting a watch party at the MPR from 6pm – 9pm.*
- *Vote if you are able to*

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Student Trustee:

Felipe Robles:

- *RSVP for the Palm Springs unveiling that will take place on Thursday, November 14th from 2pm-3pm*

Senators:

Rachel Sanchez:

- *Kudos to everyone at the block party as there was a lot of student engagement and awareness for ASCOD*

Paulina Verdugo:

- *Last week was the block party and Spooky Spectacular and it was very successful as many students attended*
- *Attended Dia de Los Muertos and there was a lot of student interaction*
- *Go vote as it is election week*

Advisors:

Danny Torres:

- *Emphasizing on what Megan Jensen said as he also needs photos from Spooky Spectacular. The request was applied to be able to share with President Hope.*

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 Low Textbook Cost Standard – *ASCOD Student Senate will possibly take action to define a dollar amount for College of the Desert's Low Textbook Cost Program. It was moved by J. Falcon and seconded by F. Robles to discuss.*

J. Falcon moves a recommendation that \$40 for a textbook seems valid and it was seconded by J. Sarrouf. Vote passed 7 in favor, and 2 opposed.

Club Charter: *None.*

7. Information/Discussion Items:

7.1 Spooky Spectacular Takeaways – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the results and takeaways from the Spooky Spectacular event.

- Layout was great but it should be more congested since the students and food were so far apart
- Improve the time to be able to have time to plan, discuss, promote as it can be easier for the behind the scenes to have a more successful event
- Setting up with international students was a great idea as they felt noticed and happy to be a part of it
- Our main focus is for students to have fun at these events
- It would've been smoother if the events all happened at the same time as some students were getting tired
- Improve communication to support the chair that made the event happen

7.2 SSSCC Visit – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the details of the upcoming SSSCC visit occurring November 8th, 2024, from 12pm – 5pm

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

8.28 Food Advisory Committee / Evelyn Castillo:

- The Salad bar that got added at Beeps Café has been doing good and they were planning on adding one at Indio campus
- They tried the idea of adding sushi which was a success as it is freshly made every day and the students love it
- November 6th they will be doing the ribbon cutting for the Oasis café at Indio from 9:30am – 10:30 am
- They wanted to remove the coolers within Beeps Café and replace them with Vending machines

8.30 Guided Pathways:
Paulina Verdugo:

- The committee is divided in four pillars and she attended pillar 1
- They discussed marketing, and the registration process for incoming students
- They are working on a project that will make sense later on

Gissel Sanchez:

- All pillars have a similar goal which is to see students succeeding
- They want to find a better way to output night and online students
- Their focus is registration for online students and how difficult it can be using the website so they want to have an upcoming workshop for incoming students on how to register

8.41 Website Redesign Steering Committee / Felipe Robles:

- An email was sent out to meet with ASCOD members through zoom so we can answer questions regarding the survey that was hosted by Yoodle.

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*

Danny Torres:

- *Thanked the ASCOD members who attended the Guided Pathways committee even though they aren't on it as it is important to get direct input from students*
- *Monday is a holiday which means that campus will be closed and there will be no ASCOD meeting*
- *Next week there will be a presentation from rising scholars for students who have been reincarnated and are now back in school for the COD talk.*

Felipe Robles:

- *An email will be sent out to independent senators to hear what's happening on campus and get together to address things at a higher level (mandatory)*

Kaden Olson:

- Any issues to raise, he and Felipe can speak on your behalf to President Hope

10. Adjournment: 3:09pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date