

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD Student Senate Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/02/2023



Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:02pm

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)
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: Christopher Martinez (present)
Senator 6: Renee (present)

Advisors:

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved unanimously. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved unanimously. Motion carried without objection.

Public Comment:

Alex (student) would like more volunteer-based roles/opportunities on campus with ASCOD.

Guest Speaker:

Carlos Maldonado – Interim Dean of Enrollment Services (20 mins):

*Discussing the Board: Roles and Responsibilities, Ethic Issues, etc. **Brown Act:** “Law that makes sure that we are transparent to the public.” To protect public rights so they know or can know and make decisions about what is happening or going to happen. No Daisy Chain stuff allowed. ADHOC Committees are not required to have agenda because they are temporary.*

Conference Amendments

- **Family childcare or caregiving need, contagious illness, disability, travel in district business**
- **“Emergency circumstances”**
- **Physical or family emergency**
- Quorum of board in person in single location
- Cannot be more than 3 meetings in a row or 20% of regular meetings.
- Must have 2-way audio-visual or telephone platform. Must use audio and visual.
- Pre-COVID Teleconference Rules

- All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting must be by roll call.
- The agenda must be posted at all teleconference locations.
- The meeting must be conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body (e.g., allow for public comment).
- Each teleconference location must be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding.
- Each teleconference location must be open and accessible to the public.
- During the teleconference, a minimum of a quorum of members must participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.
- The agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly at each teleconference location.
- Closed Sessions
- General Rule: Closed Session is prohibited unless specifically permitted.

○ **COVID Updates:**

C. Maldonado:

The district is moving to sunseting the COVID affidavit.

5. Reports:

- K. Merchant called for a 5-minute recess @ 2:45pm.
- K. Merchant called back to order @ 2:50.

ASCOD President:

Report on behalf of Ana Hernandez; CV Youth Thriving survey kickoff at Indio campus.

ASCOD Vice President:

ICC Meeting: members were not aware of Spirit Week and wish that we promoted more for future events.

Secretary:

None.

Student Trustee:

Student asked about financial aid.

Officer of Communications:

None.

Officer of Academic Affairs:

None.

Officer of External Affairs:

Student spoke about us possibly helping to change the water fountains to refillable bottle fountains. Work on it through the facilities committees.

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Senators:

None.

Advisors:

Carlos: Answered questions that student trustee asked, and that officer of external affairs asked.

Danny: None

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:

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 L. Nunley and seconded by K. Olson.

- *C. Martinez was added as an alternate to 8.23.*
- *D. Mateus- Paloma was added to 8.16 as prime and 8.27 as prime.*
- *R. Dunn was added to 8.15 as an alternate, 8.31 as prime and 8.34 as an alternate.*

Motion carried without any objection.

New Business:

6.2 OER/ZTC Approach – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a plan of action about the OER/ZTC movement.

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

- *K. Merchant added OER/ZTC to the COD Standing Committees 8.32*
 - o *M. Escobar appointed main with D. Garcia appointed alternate.*
- *Possibly having appreciation cards and emails for teachers that have no textbooks or give thank you cards to faculty who participate in or start participating in.*
- *Carlos:*
 - o *D. Garcia in curriculum committee ask who is doing OER/ZTC*
 - o *Talk about it in the diversity committee.*
 - o *Adopt a resolution in favor of OER/ ZTC.*
 - o *Talk about it in spaces wherever there is faculty. Talk about it anywhere.*

Motion carried without any objection.

6.3 COVID Affidavit – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to take a stance on the dissolution of the district mandated COVID affidavit.

Moved by K. Olson and seconded by C. Martinez.

- *K. Olson said that he knows a lot of people that are opposed to taking the COVID shot so the affidavit is holding them back from enrolling to college of the desert.*
- *C. Martinez said that it would benefit people that would like to enroll but cannot take the COVID shot because of certain illnesses.*
- *C. Maldonado:*
 - says that the mandate of the order of getting the vaccine is lifted.*

Motion carried at a vote 12 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion

6.4 Committee Appointments - ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to appoint Yulissa Lopez-Ramirez as offsite-Senator Indio Campus.

Moved to table until next ASCOD meeting. 7 in favor and 6 opposed. Item tabled until next ASCOD meeting.

Club Charter:

None.

7. Information/Discussion Items:

7.1 Spirit Week – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the events of Spirit Week occurring September 25- 28.

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

- M. Escobar reported Monday was a disaster and he needed help.

-D. Garcia reported that Tuesday was organized, and a better ticket system unlike Monday worked perfectly. We had a high attendance.

-D. Nunley reported that Thursday was best day to him but that there was not enough promotion and ICC reported to him multiple times how they didn't receive or see enough advertisement for Spirit Week or have enough time to prepare!

-F. Robles reported that for more of a promotion we should announce events in classrooms.

-K. Thomas reported that from an outside perspective she thought that it looked good.

7.2 Office Hours – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss holding weekly office hours as outlined by the ASCOD Bylaws.

Moved to be tabled until next ASCOD meeting. 12 in favor 1 opposed. Overruled and tabled until next ASCOD meeting.

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

- D. Nunley reported about Diversity Committee ‘

- M. Escobar reported about attending 8.34 Educational Technologies and Distance Education and the faculty is trying to get stance from ASCOD for the use of AI. ASCOD is not going to give a stance but as individual students we can give our anonymous opinion. Report it to M. Escobar so he can take back to next meeting.

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

<p>8.09 Academic Calendar Committee: K. Thomas</p>	<p>8.10 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee): M. Nunley</p>
<p>8.11 Bookstore Advisory Committee: I. Zarco, M. Jensen</p>	<p>8.12 Budget Sub-Committee: K. Olson</p>
<p>8.13 College Planning Council (CPC): K. Merchant, I. Zarco</p>	<p>8.14 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee: K. Merchant</p>

8.15 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee: K. Olson, (R. Dunn)	8.16 Diversity Committee: D. Mateus-Paloma, (D. Nunley)
8.17 DSPS Advisory Committee: K. Thomas	8.18 Enrollment Management Committee: M. Jensen
8.19 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee: M. Nunley	8.20 Equity Committee: D. Nunley
8.21 Facilities Advisory Committee: M. Escobar	8.22 Food Services Advisory Committee: D. Upp, D. Nunley, F. Robles, C. Martinez
8.23 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: K. Thomas, (C. Martinez)	8.24 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee: F. Robles
8.25 Outreach/Training (CPC Sub-Committee): C. Martinez	8.26 Safety Committee: M. Jensen
8.27 Transfer Advisory Committee: D. Mateus-Paloma, (M. Nunley)	8.28 Academic Senate: M. Escobar
8.29 COD Foundation Board: D. Upp	8.30 Information and Technology Systems: D. Upp
8.31 Faculty Development Committee: R. Dunn, (D. Upp)	8.32 OER/ZTC Approach: M. Escobar, D. Garcia

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

8.33 Curriculum Committee: D. Garcia	8.34 Educational Policies and Practices: D. Garcia, (R. Dunn)
8.35 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: M. Escobar, (D. Mateus-Paloma)	8.36 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: F. Robles

COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Educational Master Plan Workgroup: K. Merchant, I. Zarco	The accreditation Workgroup: D. Garcia
Resource Lunches Committee: Chair: I. Zarco Members: K. Olson, D. Garcia, D. Nunley, M. Escobar.	

9. Communication from the floor:

None.

10. Adjournment: 3:55 pm

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President Signature ASCOD Secretary/President Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date