

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 09/11/2023



1. **Organizational Items:**

Call to Order: 2:10pm

Moment of silence for 9-11.

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 Vacant
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: Madigan Escobar (present)
Senator 5: Vacant

Advisors:

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by I. Zarco 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 K. Thomas. Motion carried without objection.

2. **Public Comment:**

None.

3. **Guest Speaker:**

Jin An- Dunning – Open Education Resources Work Group Chair (20 mins) work at library.

- Zero cost textbook initiative.
- Before COVID-19 a large survey of about 12000 student was taken by a group and they found that on average CCC students pay more for textbooks than for tuition.
- A text book can cost up to \$600 at COD.
- The OAR and ZTC movement are part of an initiative to not just lower but completely remove the cost of textbooks for COD students.
- The Chancellor's office is offering a one-time historic funding of about 115 million dollars as part of an acceleration grant for CCC's to adopt the cost of textbooks for entire degrees.
- They have already had a great outcome from their online textbook services. With over 1000's of views already with great reviews.
- Would like to invite ASCOD to attend their first meeting on September 22nd from 10-11:30am. Most likely Zoom with location will be determined.

4. COVID Updates:

None.

5. Reports:

ASCOD President:

- Reached out to UCR School of Medicine's Center for Healthy Communities for their Lunch N Learn let them know that we will be assisting them so they are now working with Ana and Carlos to get everything set up.
- Disappointed that not more of ASCOD applied for the conference coming up.
- ADIVISING ALL OF ASCOD TO KEEP OUR GOALS IN MIND while making your decisions for applying to these conferences.
- Does look forward to seeing the members that did apply at the conference.

ASCOD Vice President:

None.

Secretary:

None.

Officer of Communications:

None.

Officer of Academic Affairs:

None.

Officer of External Affairs:

None.

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

None.

Student Trustee:

- EMP meeting topics were on Transfers and certain courses. Putting straight in transferable courses instead of taking all these extra courses.

Senators:

None

Advisors:

D. Torres announced that he sent an email to everyone for them to fill out and return back as soon as possible.

COD Talk meetings for students that have been here for a year already and have information that will be important for the meetings. Or they usually talk about whatever the topic is for that month like this month will be Suicide prevention. Meetings are help on Wed. September 20 from 330 to 430pm @ MPR and will also be Hybrid so on zoom found at the current events tab on the COD Webpage.

Club Rush September 25-26th Club Rush from 11-1pm @ the outdoor amphitheater.

ICC has its first meeting Wed. September 13th.

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 ASCOD Appointment – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to appoint Madigan Escobar as the Officer of Academic Affairs for the 2023- 2024 academic year. Moved by I. Zarco seconded by K. Olson. Motion carried without any objection.

6.2 ASCOD Appointment- ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to appoint Christopher Martinez to the position of Independent Senator for the 2023- 2024 academic year. Moved by K. Olson and seconded by K. Thomas. Motion carried without any objection.

6.3 ASCOD Appointment – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to appoint Daniela Mateus Palma to the position of Independent Senator for the 2023- 2024 academic year. Moved by M. Escobar and seconded by K. Olson. Motion carried without any objection.

6.4 Resource Lunches – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a plan presented by Student Trustee Zarco to highlight student resources on campus. Moved M. Escobar and seconded by K. Olson.

- *would like a few ASCOD members to attend some of the following events.*
 - *All dates and times to be determined.*
 - *Approve a research lunch committee*
 - *See Attachment*
- Motion carried without objection.*

Club Charter:

Legacy

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

Roadrunner Makers

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

Motion Picture 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 Architecture Club

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:

7.1 Welcome Week – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the events of Welcome Week occurring August 28th – 31st. It was motioned by I. Zarco and seconded by K. Olson.

- *Officer Robles offered a peculiar attention-grabbing event that was decided would be tabled until further notice.*
- *ASCOD Student senate explored different methods to attract students such as a speaker for music, variety of snacks, and foot traction methods.*
- *It was stressed that those at the table should take heat exposure precautions, such as taking breaks in cool areas, maintaining hydration, and reducing sun exposure, to avoid heat illnesses.*

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

8.09 Academic Calendar Committee: K. Merchant	8.10 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee): M. Nunley
8.11 Bookstore Advisory Committee: I. Zarco	8.12 Budget Sub-Committee: K. Olson, temporary
8.13 College Planning Council (CPC): K. Merchant, I. Zarco	8.14 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: K. Merchant
8.15 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee: K. Olson	8.16 Diversity Committee: D. Nunley
8.17 DSPS Advisory Committee: K. Thomas	8.18 Enrollment Management Committee: M. Escobar
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, K. Olson
8.23 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: K. Thomas	8.24 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee: F. Robles
8.25 Outreach/Training (CPC Sub-Committee): I. Zarco	8.26 Safety Committee: K. Merchant
8.27 Transfer Advisory Committee: M. Nunley	8.28 Academic Senate: D. Garcia
8.29 COD Foundation Board: D. Upp	

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

8.30 Curriculum Committee: D. Garcia	8.31 Educational Policies and Practices: D. Garcia
8.32 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: M. Escobar	8.33 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: F. Robles

COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Palms Springs Development Project Advisory Group:	The accreditation Workgroup:

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

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

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date