

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 11/13/2023



1. Organizational Items:

Call to Order: 2:01pm

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 Denzel Garcia (absent)
Senator Kiara Thomas (Excused)
Senator Megan Jensen (present)
Senator Renee Dunn (present)
Senator Christopher Martinez (present)
Offsite Senator Yulissa Lopez-Ramirez (present)

Advisors:

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by I. Zarco and seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved unanimously. Motion carried without objection.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Guest Speaker:

Oxana Aghaei – Director of Institutional Research.

Key Findings

- *College affordability is a key factor in the decision to attend college, with college fees and course.*
- *materials being primary reasons that make college unaffordable.*
- *Students also expressed the need for academic guidance and support in the enrollment.*

- *Previously enrolled students shared that limited course availability and offerings, as well as*
- *Work constraints are additional main factors in their decision to re-enroll.*
- *To address challenges as well as help students enroll full time, they suggest that financial support such as financial aid and course materials/textbooks, flexibility, academic support, enrollment guidance, other support such as mental health services, and expanded.*
- *course offering options are needed.*
- *Student's first preferred class modality is "in person" while the college offers only half of*
- *its offerings in person. Preference for in person classes is also a reason why some students dropped classes.*
- *Student's second preferred class modality is online asynchronous, and the college offers half of its offerings in this modality.*
- *Students also shared many introspective comments, taking personal responsibility, and shared that "the help College of the Desert is providing is a blessing", and most students feel.*
- *that the campus climate is very supportive or supportive.*

4. COVID Updates:

None.

5. Reports:

ASCOD President:

- *Will not be going out of town this year.*
- *Meeting for women in student government to empower them.*
- *Training Networking Event on the 27th following ASCOD meeting from 4-5.*
- *Will b*

ASCOD Vice President:

- *ICC Meeting Coming up this Wednesday @ 2pm OSL office.*

Secretary:

None.

Student Trustee:

- *Did not attend BOT meeting on 11/9 but is reviewing the minutes.*

Officer of Communications:

-None.

Officer of Academic Affairs:

-None.

Officer of External Affairs:

- None.

Officer of Fiscal Affairs:

-None.

Senators:

- *Y. Lopez-Ramirez – researching the Coachella Library classes concerns by meeting with professors who have taught there.*

Advisors:

D. Torres:

- *ASCOD help changing photos on emails, contact him*

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 Calendar Workgroup appointment – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to appoint two delegates to item 8.37 Academic Calendar Workgroup

Moved by M. Escobar, seconded.

- *K. Merchant reached out to chair of Calendar workgroup, with possible different dates for meeting, chair declined to change meeting date due to staff commitment. Meetings will continue to be held on every second Tuesday at 12pm via Zoom.*
- *Y. Lopez-Martinez and K. Merchant appointed.*

New Business:

6.1 SSCCC Advocacy Academy – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a budget not to exceed \$7,000 to attend the SSCCC Advocacy Academy held in Riverside on December 1-3 as presented by Officer Robles.

Moved by I. Zarco, seconded.

- *Learn Strategies for the world of student government.*
- *Four ASCOD and one Advisor*
- *First time holding this event.*

Approved unanimously.

Club Charter:

None.

7. Information/Discussion Items:

7.1 CCCSAA Debrief- ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the workshops attended during CCSSAA and explore strategies for advancing their progress.

Item put on table to discuss item 7.2 for a five-minute recess unanimously.

5minute recess @ 3:15pm

Reconvened @ 3:20pm

-Interpersonal Leadership stressed the importance of emotional intelligence. If I'm feeling something, learning what is really behind the "why" you are feeling. Humanize certain situations and remove ignorance. Understand that we are working with each other and not against each other.

7.2 OER/ZTC Updates- ASCOD Student Senate will discuss ASCOD OER/ZTC initiative updates from Senator Garcia and Officer Escobar.

Moved by K. Olson and seconded.

- *D. Upp and M. Escobar will come up with initiative.*
- *ASCOD will discuss possibly help with finds by Thursday.*
- *Gingerbread house task team made.*

Item 7.1 moved to be put back on table.

7.3 Student Panel – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss the creation of a student panel comprised of five students in order to provide a platform for student voices in decision-making processes.

Moved by F. Robles, seconded.

- *Students will discuss and present in front of staff their school experience here at COD.*
- *Three ASCOD Members*
- *Being held between one of these two days Jan. 25th & 26th, between 10-4pm.*

8. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

- *I. Zarco - Lunch and Learn Nov. 30 in MPR 12-1pm. Chipotle will be served.*

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

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

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

8.09 Academic Calendar Committee: K. Thomas	8.10 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC sub-committee): M. Nunley
8.11 Bookstore Advisory Committee: I. Zarco (M. Jensen)	8.12 Budget Sub-Committee: K. Olson

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, (R. Dunn)	8.16 Diversity Committee: 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: Y. Lopez-Ramirez
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): K. Thomas (C. Martinez)	8.26 Safety Committee: Y. Lopez-Ramirez
8.27 Transfer Advisory Committee: M. Nunley	8.28 Academic Senate: M. Escobar
8.29 COD Foundation Board: D. Upp	8.30 Information and Technology Systems: D. Upp (K. Olson)
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	8.36 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: K. Thomas (K. Merchant)
8.37 Calendar Schedule Workgroup: Y. Lopez-Martinez (K. Merchant)	

COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

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

9. Communication from the floor:

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

Print Name ASCOD Secretary/President

Signature ASCOD Secretary/President

Date

Print Name ASCOD Advisor

Signature ASCOD Advisor

Date