

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD Student Senate

Agenda for January 12, 2026

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Join the meeting in the in the ASCOD Conference Room

Dining Hall, 114 A or Via Zoom Meeting:

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/83855688746>

Meeting ID: 838 5568 8746

1. **Organizational Items:**

Call to Order:	
Roll Call:	
Approval of Agenda:	January 12, 2026
Approval of Minutes:	December 15, and January 5 2026

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.

3. **Guest Speakers:** Dr. Stacey Smith, CTE Transitions Specialist (CTE programs)

4. **Reports:**

President-Juan Falcon:

Vice President-Roberto Ramos:

Secretary-Andrea Sandoval:

Student Trustee-Juan Falcon:

Officer of Academic Affairs-Sarah Ghazawi:

Officer of Communications-Jenitza Perez:

Officer of External Affairs-Christopher Martinez:

Officer of Fiscal Affairs-Abner Ramirez:

Senators:

-Bonnita Castillo:

-Kelly Dominguez:

-Alexi Juarez:

-Salvador Rodriguez:

-Ashley Garcia:

-Amber Vonnettelbladt-Searles:

Off-site Senators:

-Jonathon Garcia:

Advisors:

-Carlos A. Maldonado:

-Danny Torres:

5. 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:**New Business:**

5.1 ASCOD Attendance – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss, and possibly take action to enforce, ASCOD Bylaws Section 2 (Attendance), subsection 4, which provides: "A Student Senate Member who accumulates three (3) or more unexcused absences may face removal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Student Senate Members in attendance."

5.2 SSSCC General Assembly - The ASCOD Student Senate will consider and may take action on approving attendance to the SSSCC General Assembly.

5.3 SSSCC Federal Advocacy – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve attending the SSSCC Federal Advocacy happening from March 1st to 4th, and budget not to exceed \$15,500.

5.4 Welcome Tents – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action in participating.

5.5 CTE Collaboration – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to collaborate.

5.6 Public Relations Committee Recommendations – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the Public Relations committee Recommendations.

5.7 Government Relations Committee Recommendations – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the Governmental Relations Committee recommendation.

5.8 Budget and Finance Committee Recommendations - The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendation.

5.9 Committee Appointments – ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve committee appointments.

Club Charter: None

6. Information/Discussion Items:

6.1 Robert's Rules of Order – The ASCOD Student Senate will receive and discuss information regarding Robert's Rules of Order.

7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 Budget and Finance: Chair: Abner R., Members: Christopher M., Salvador R., Juan F., Alexi J., Kelly D., Roberto R.	7.2 Executive Council: Chair: Juan F. Members: Roberto R.
7.3 Constitution and Bylaws: Chair: Juan F. Members: Abner R., Alexi J., Ashley G., Kelly D.	7.4 Governmental Relations: Chair: Christopher M. Members: Ashley G., Salvador R., Andrea S., Juan F., Alexi J.
7.5 Equity and Diversity: Chair: Alexi J. Members: Roberto R., Jonathon G., Juan F., Ashley G.	7.6 Public Relations: Chair: Jenitza P. Members: Bonnita C., Christopher M., Juan F., Amber S.
7.7 Events: Chair: Bonnita C. Members: Jenitza P., Alexi J., Salvador R., Juan F.	7.8 Elections Committee: Chair: Juan F. Members: Alexi J., Roberto R., Abner R., Sarah Ghazawi., Kelly D.

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

7.9 Academic Senate: Sarah G., (Juan F.)	7.10 Academic Calendar Committee: Sarah G., (Juan F.)
7.11 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC Sub-Committee): Abner R., (Juan F.)	7.12 Automotive Advisory Committee: Kelly D. (Juan F.)
7.13 Bookstore Advisory Committee: Jenitza P., Salvador R.	7.14 Budget Sub-Committee: Abner R. (Salvador R.)
7.15 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: Christopher M. (Juan F.)	7.16 COD Foundation Board: Juan F. (Christopher M.)
7.17 College Planning Council (CPC): Juan F., Jonathon G.	7.18 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee: Kelly D., (Alexi J.)
7.19 Diversity Committee: Alexi J., (Roberto R.)	7.20 DSPS Advisory Committee: Andrea S. (Kelly D.)
7.21 Dual Enrollment Committee: Alexi J., (Bonnita C.)	7.22 Strong Workforce Steering: Juan F. (Kelly D.)
7.23 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee: Andrea S. (Alexi J.)	7.24 Equity Committee: Roberto R., (Alexi J.)
7.25 Enrollment Management Committee: Alexi J. (Juan F.)	7.26 Facilities Advisory Committee: Kelly D.
7.27 Faculty Development Committee: Jonathon G. (Roberto R.)	7.28 Food Services Advisory Committee: Alexi J., Juan F., Salvador R., Jonathon G.
7.29 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: Alexi J. (Bonnita C.)	7.30 Guided Pathways: Abner R., Salvador R., Juan F., Alexi J., Kelly D., Bonnita C., Jenitza P., Amber S., Ashley G.
7.31 Information and Technology Systems: Salvador R., (Abner R.)	7.32 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee: Alexi J. Roberto R.

7.33 Outreach/Training (CPC Committee): Roberto R., (Alexi J.)	7.34 Safety Committee: Juan F. (Kelly D.)
7.35 Transfer Advisory Committee: Bonnita C. (Andrea S.)	7.36 Guided Pathways Steering Committee: Juan F., (Andrea S.)
7.37 Commencement Taskforce: Jonathon G.	

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

7.37 Curriculum Committee: Amber S. (Roberto R.)	7.38 Educational Policies and Practices: Bonnita C., (Alexi J.)
7.39 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: Roberto R. (Alexi J.)	7.40 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: Juan F.

COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

7.41 Website Redesign Steering Committee: Alexi J., Juan F., Abner R., Jenitza P.	7.42 Student Equity Plan Writing Workgroup: Robert R., Bonnita C., Alexi J.
7.43 Club Support Committee:	

8. Future Agenda Items:

- 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.*

10. Adjournment: