# Associated Students of College of the Desert

# ASCOD Student Senate

**Agenda for November 16, 2026**
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Join the meeting in the ASCOD Conference Room Dining Hall, 114 A or Via Zoom Meeting:**
**https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/88680742852**
**Meeting ID: 886 8074 2852**

**1. Organizational Items:**

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| Call to Order: | |
| Roll Call: | |
| Approval of Agenda: | **November 16, 2026** |
| Approval of Minutes: | **November 2, 2026 and November 9, 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:** Myalina Benavides - Student Health and Wellness Center; Michael Harlow - Website Redesign Project

**4. Reports:**

**President**-Amber Searles:

**Vice President**-David Quintero:

**Secretary**-Starteish Thomas:

**Student Trustee**-William Garcia:

**Officer of Academic Affairs**-Jose Aguilar:

**Officer of Communications**-Savannah Paul:

**Officer of External Affairs**-Estrellita Rosales:

**Officer of Fiscal Affairs**-Joselyn Gutierrez:

**Senators**

Santiago Villanueva:

Juan Falcon:

Jazmin Murua:

**Off-site Senators**

Elijah White:

Evan Blankenship

**Advisors**

Danny Torres:

Leslie Quinones:

## 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 Workshops for Students** – The ASCOD student will discuss and possibly take action to approve developing a workshop series presented to College of the Desert students led by ASCOD Student Leaders.

**5.2 ASCOD February Indio Meeting Date –** The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a meeting date of February 8, 2027.

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

**Club Charter:**

## 6. Information/Discussion Items

**6.1 CCCSAA Recap Continued -** The ASCOD Student Senate members who attended CCCSAA will present on the CCCSAA Conference.

**6.2 SSCCC Update** – The ASCOD Student Senate will receive an update from Danny Torres on who is attending the SSCCC conference December 4, 2026 - December 6, 2026.

## 7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

### ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

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| **7.1 Budget and Finance:**<br>**Chair:** Joselyn G.<br>**Members:** Santiago V., Jose A., Juan F., Estrellita R.<br>. | **7.2 Executive Council:**<br>**Chair:** Amber S.<br>**Members:** David Q. |

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| **7.3 Constitution and Bylaws:**<br>**Chair:** Juan F.<br>**Members:** William G., Amber S., Savannah P., David Q. | **7.4 Governmental Relations:**<br>**Chair:** Estrellita R.<br>**Members:** Santiago V., Amber S., Juan F. |
| **7.5 Equity and Diversity:**<br>**Chair:** Santiago V.<br>**Members:** Jazmin M. | **7.6 Public Relations:**<br>**Chair:** William G.<br>**Members:** Santiago V., Savannah P., Evan B. |
| **7.7 Events:**<br>**Chair:** Savannah P.<br>**Members**: Estrellita R., Jose A., Joselyn G., Elijah W. Startiesh T., Santiago V. | **7.8 Elections Committee:**<br>**Chair:** Juan F.<br>**Members:** Amber S., Starteish T. |

## COD STANDING COMMITTEES

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| **7.9 Academic Senate:** Jose A. | **7.10 Academic Calendar Committee:** Jose A. |
| **7.11 Assessment of Planning & Outcomes (APO) (CPC Sub-Committee):** Juan F. | **7.12 Automotive Advisory Committee:** Santiago V. |
| **7.13 Bookstore Advisory Committee:** William G. Jazmin M., (Elijah W.) | **7.14 Budget Sub-Committee:** Joselyn G. (Jose A.) |
| **7.15 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee:** Estrellita R. | **7.16 COD Foundation Board:** Amber S. |
| **7.17 College Planning Council (CPC):** Amber S. William G. | **7.18 Data Evaluation Sub-Committee:** Juan F. (Amber S.) |
| **7.19 Diversity Committee:** Elijah W. | **7.20 DSPS Advisory Committee:** Santiago V. |
| **7.21 Dual Enrollment Committee:** Estrellita R. (Santiago V.) | **7.22 Strong Workforce Steering:** Elijah W. |
| **7.23 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee:** Savannah P. | **7.24 Equity Committee:** Starteish T. |
| **7.25 Enrollment Management Committee:** Elijah W. | **7.26 Facilities Advisory Committee:** |
| **7.27 Faculty Development Committee:** David Q. | **7.28 Food Services Advisory Committee:** Joselyn G., Jazmin M., Santiago V., Estrellita R. |
| **7.29 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee:** William G. (Santiago V.) | **7.30 Guided Pathways:** Jazmin Murua., Starteish T. |
| **7.31 Information and Technology Systems:** Evan B. | **7.32 Matriculation/SSSP Advisory Committee:** Evan B. |
| **7.33 Outreach/Training (CPC Committee):** Savannah P. | **7.34 Safety Committee:** Juan F. (Santiago V.) |
| **7.35 Transfer Advisory Committee:** | **7.36 Guided Pathways Steering Committee:** Savannah P. (Joselyn G.) |
| **7.37 Commencement Taskforce:** Savannah P. | |

## COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

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| **7.38 Curriculum Committee:** David Q. | **7.39 Educational Policies and Practices:** Santiago V. (Juan F.) |
| **7.40 Educational Technologies and Distance Education:** David Q. | **7.41 Outcomes and Assessment Committee:** Amber S. (Santiago V.) |

## COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

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| **7.42 Website Redesign Steering Committee:**<br><br>Santiago V. | **7.43 AI Steering Committee:**<br>Elijah W. |

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:**