

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD Student Senate

Agenda for October 19, 2026

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Join the meeting in person in the Conference Room

Located at the Office of Student Life

Indio Campus; or Via Zoom Meeting:

<https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/88680742852>

Meeting ID: 886 8074 2852

1. **Organizational Items:**

Call to Order:	
Roll Call:	
Approval of Agenda:	October 19, 2026
Approval of Minutes:	October 12, 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:**

4. **Reports:**

President-Amber Searles:

Vice President-David G. Quintero:

Secretary-Startiesh 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:

Luna Yeend:

Jazmin Murua:

Amy Yapple:

Off-site Senators

Elijah White:

Evan Blankenship

Advisors

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 SSSCC Santa Clara Trip Budget – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a budget not to exceed \$15,000 for the SSSCC trip to Santa Clara taking place December 4–6, 2026.

5.2 Monthly Indio Campus Meetings and Food/Snack Budget – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to hold one meeting per month at the Indio Campus and approve a total budget not to exceed \$3,000 for food or snacks for all Indio Campus in the 2026-2027 academic year.

5.3 Removal of Senator Amy Yaple – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to remove Senator Amy Yaple due to three unexcused absences.

5.4 ASCOD/COD Standing Committee Appointments – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to appointment or edit members on ASCOD and COD Standing Committees.

5.5 Mecca/Thermal Tabling Budget – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a budget not to exceed \$200 for tabling at the Mecca/Thermal Campus.

5.6 November Events Budget – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve a total budget not to exceed \$1,000 for November events.

5.7 South Annex Block Party – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action on its participation in the South Annex Block Party to distribute churros and hot cocoa or coffee, host a costume contest awarding College of the Desert merchandise to the top three winners (1st place, COD shirt; 2nd place, COD kit containing a pen, keychain, and lanyard; 3rd place, sticker. The tabling area will feature Halloween-themed décor.

Club Charter: Roadettes Spirit Club; Dance Dynasty Club; Physics Club

6. Information/Discussion Items

6.1 CCCSAA Recap – ASCOD members who attended CCCSAA will share information about their experience, including how the event went, what they learned, and key information or takeaways for the other members.

7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 Budget and Finance: Chair: Jocelyn G. Members: Santiago V., Jose A., Juan F., Estrellita R.	7.2 Executive Council: Chair: Amber S. Members: David Q.
7.3 Constitution and Bylaws: Chair: Juan F. Members: William G., Amber S., Savannah P., David Q.	7.4 Governmental Relations: Chair: Estrellita R. Members: Santiago V., Amber S., Juan F.
7.5 Equity and Diversity: Chair: Santiago V. Members: Jazmin M., Luna Y.	7.6 Public Relations: Chair: William G. Members: Santiago V., Evan B.
7.7 Events: Chair: Savannah P. Members: Estrellita R., Jose A., Joselyn G., Elijah W. Startiesh T.	7.8 Elections Committee: Chair: Juan F. Members: Amber S.

COD STANDING COMMITTEES

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: Luna Y.
7.27 Faculty Development Committee:	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., Amy Yapple., Startiesh 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: Luna Y.	7.36 Guided Pathways Steering Committee: Savannah P. (Joselyn G.)
7.37 Commencement Taskforce: Savannah P.	

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

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

7.42 Website Redesign Steering Committee: Santiago V.	

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: