

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD Student Senate

Agenda for September 28, 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/88680742852>

Meeting ID: 886 8074 2852

1. **Organizational Items:**

Call to Order:	
Roll Call:	
Approval of Agenda:	September 28, 2026
Approval of Minutes:	September 21, 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. Cindy Alvarez: Student Rights and Responsibilities Presentation

4. **Reports:**

President-Amber Searles:

Vice President-David Quintero:

Secretary-Startiesh Thomas:

Student Trustee-William Garcia:

Officer of Academic Affairs-Jose Aguilar:

Officer of Communications-Vacant:

Officer of External Affairs-Estrellita Rosales:

Officer of Fiscal Affairs-Joselyn Gutierrez:

Senators

Santiago Villanueva:

Savannah Paul:

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

5.2 CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve attendance to the CCCSAA Conference, and allocating a budget of \$13,000 for 10 students and 1 advisor on October 16-18, 2026, in Anaheim, CA.

5.3 ASCOD Best Practices – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the ASCOD Best Practices.

5.4 ASCOD South Annex Block Party – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve tabling and allocating a budget of \$400 for the South Annex Block Party on October 27, 2026.

Club Charter:

6. Information/Discussion Items

6.1 HACU - The ASCOD Student Senate will receive information from Carlos A. Maldonado about the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Conference.

6.2 ASCOD Hoodies - The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and receive information about ASCOD Hoodies.

6.3 ASCOD Drop-Box - The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss an ASCOD student comments drop-box.

7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:

ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 Budget and Finance: Chair: Joselyn G. Members: Santiago V., Jose A., Juan F., Startiesh T.	7.2 Executive Council: Chair: Amber S. Members:
7.3 Constitution and Bylaws: Chair: Juan F. Members: William G., Amber S., Savanna P.	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., Amber S., Luna Y.	7.6 Public Relations: Chair: William G. Members: Estrellita R., Santiago V., Evan B.
7.7 Events: Chair: Savannah P. Members: Estrellita R., Jose A., Joselyn G., Startiesh T., Amy Y., Amber S.	7.8 Elections Committee: Chair: Juan F. Members: Savannah P., William G.

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: Amber S. (Santiago V.)
7.13 Bookstore Advisory Committee: William G. (Jazmin M.)	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: Amy Y.	7.20 DSPS Advisory Committee: Santiago V.
7.21 Dual Enrollment Committee: Estrellita R. (Santiago V.)	7.22 Strong Workforce Steering:
7.23 EOPS/CARE and Foster Youth Advisory Committee: Joselyn G. (Savannah P.)	7.24 Equity Committee: Startiesh T.
7.25 Enrollment Management Committee: Santiago V.	7.26 Facilities Advisory Committee: Juan F.
7.27 Faculty Development Committee: William G.	7.28 Food Services Advisory Committee: Joselyn G., Jose A., Jazmin M., Santiago V., (Estrellita R.)
7.29 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: William G. (Santiago V.)	7.30 Guided Pathways: Juan F., William G., Jose A., Savannah P., Jazmin Murua., Estrellita R., Amy Y., 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: Jose A.	7.36 Guided Pathways Steering Committee: Savannah P. (Joselyn G.)
7.37 Commencement Taskforce: Savannah P.	

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

7.38 Curriculum Committee: Joselyn G.	7.39 Educational Policies and Practices: Santiago V. (Juan F.)
7.40 Educational Technologies and Distance Education:	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: