

# Associated Students of College of the Desert

## ASCOD Student Senate

**Agenda for October 12, 2026**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



**Join the meeting in the Makers Space**

**Indio Campus; 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:  | <b>October 12, 2026</b> |
| Approval of Minutes: | <b>October 5, 2026</b>  |

### 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 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 SSSCC Santa Clara** – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve attendance to the the SSSCC Student Advocacy Conference in Santa Clara, CA, from December 4<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>. [Advocacy Academy 2026](#).
- 5.2 Officer of Communications Recommendation** – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the recommendation and appointment of Savannah Paul as the Officer of Communications.
- 5.3 Día de los Muertos**– The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to plan and approve a tabling event for Día de los Muertos.

**Club Charter:** MESA Club; Chemistry Club; Engineering Club; SAGA Club; Rotoract Club; Architecture Club (CODAC)

## **6. Information/Discussion Items**

- 6.1 South Annex Block Party** - The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and plan the ASCOD participation at the South Annex Block Party on October 27th.
- 6.2 ASB Collaboration** - The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss collaborating with the surrounding High schools' ASBs.
- 6.3 ASCOD Committee Protocols** – The ASCOD Student Senate will receive information from Danny Torres regarding Committee Protocols

## **7. Committee and Taskforce Reports:**

### **ASCOD STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

### **COD STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

### **COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES**

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

### **COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

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| <b>7.42 Website Redesign Steering Committee:</b><br>Santiago V. |  |
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### **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:**