

Associated Students of College of the Desert

ASCOD Student Senate

Agenda for April 6, 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:	April 6, 2026
Approval of Minutes:	March 30, 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 services (Denim Day)

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 Vonnettelblatt-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:

5.1 Mecca/Thermal Outreach – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possible take action to approve tabling at the Mecca/Thermal Campus.

New Business:

5.2 Elections Committee Recommendations – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the Elections Committee recommendations.

5.3 Budget and Finance Committee Recommendations – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendations.

5.4 Denim Day Support – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to participate in Denim Day on April 29, 2026.

5.5 Amend Prior Road Runner Rodeo Budget – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and possibly take action to amend the previously approved budget to increase from \$5,000 to not exceed \$6,000.

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

Club Charter:**6. Information/Discussion Items:**

6.1 Federal Advocacy Academy – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and provide feedback regarding the Federal Advocacy Academy.

6.2 SSSCC General Assembly – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and provide feedback regarding General Assembly.

6.3 ASCOD Transition Information – The ASCOD Student Senate will discuss and provide feedback on transition information for the incoming ASCOD team.

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: Bonnita C. Members: Abner R., Alexi J., Ashley G., Kelly D., Juan F., Jenitza P.	7.4 Governmental Relations: Chair: Members: Ashley G., Andrea S., Juan F., Alexi J.
7.5 Equity and Diversity: Chair: Alexi J. Members: Roberto R., Jonathon G., Juan F., Ashley	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.	7.16 COD Foundation Board: Juan F. (Christopher M.)
7.17 College Planning Council (CPC): Juan F., Jonathon G., (Kelly D.)	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: 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., Amber S., Jonathon G.
7.29 Gender and Sexual Diversity Pride Center Advisory Committee: Alexi J. (Bonnita C.)	7.30 Guided Pathways: Abner R., Juan F., Alexi J., Bonnita C., Jenitza P., Salvador R.
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. (Ashley G.)
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., (Alexi J.)	

COD ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES

7.38 Curriculum Committee: Amber S. (Roberto R.)	7.39 Educational Policies and Practices: Bonnita C., (Alexi J.)
7.40 Educational Technologies and Distance Education: Roberto R. (Alexi J.)	7.41 Outcomes and Assessment Committee: Ashley G., Alexi Juarez.

COD/ASCOD AD-HOC COMMITTEES

7.42 Website Redesign Steering Committee: Amber S., Juan F., Jenitza P.	7.43 Club Support Committee: Juan F., Roberto R., Kelly D., Jonathon G., Ashley G., Alexi J., Joselyn Gutierrez., Zafiro Vidal.

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: