

ACU Staff Senate Minutes
Thursday, September 2, 2021
9-10 a.m.

Dean's Conference Room, College of Biblical Studies

Arthur Brant, Amy Boone, Arthemon Sindayigaya, Cara Flanders, Crystal Cox, **Darci Armstrong**, Amos Gutierrez, Evan Steele, Hutton Harris, James Scudder, Kayla Hewitt, Krista Heath, Lance Rieder, Leah Andrews, Lyndi Felan, Makayla Jones, Michelle McMillan, Samantha Adkins, Scott Warren, Sherita Nickerson, **Zach Snyder**

Absent

- I. Call to Order 9:02 a.m.
- II. Prayer by Scott Warren; Requests:
 - A. Deborah and Curt
 - B. Amos in his new role
 - C. Campus health
 - D. Counseling center
 1. Stamina
 2. Tyson (death in the family)
 - E. Hutton - new baby on the way (October)
- III. Welcome: Amos Gutierrez (finishing out Deborah Niccum's term on Nominations & Elections Committee), Arthur Brant (runner up, step in as Treasurer)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Arthur moves
 - B. Evan seconds
 - C. The minutes from the August 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Committee Updates
 1. Nominations and Elections
 2. Communication
 - a) New members have been updated on the website.
 3. Benefits and Advocacy
 - a) Met with Crystal last week.
 - b) Please participate in the benefits survey that previously went out. Closes September 10
 - c) Changes are happening with TIAA.
 - d) Percentage of staff that participates in various benefits:
 - (1) 80% of staff are enrolled in medical
 - (2) 53% dental
 - (3) 47% vision
 - (4) 20% ACU tuition benefit for dependents
 - (5) 1% ACU online tuition benefit
 - (6) <.5% participate in ACS tuition benefit

- e) Advocating for child care stipend for children under 5.
 - f) Reach out to Arthur Brant, chair of the Benefits and Advocacy committee with questions or concerns
 - 4. Service
 - 5. Development and Recognition
- B. Subcommittee Updates
 - 1. Wildcat Tank (ACU version of Shark Tank): Presented by Evan
 - a) Subcommittee has outlined next steps:
 - (1) Staff Senate approval (of the idea)
 - (a) There was a unanimous vote in favor of moving forward with the idea.
 - (2) SLT buy-in

VI. New Business

- A. [Earl Young's Team](#) drive: Presented by Krista
 - 1. Staff Senate approval of volunteering at bone marrow donor drive the week of October 18
 - a) There was a unanimous vote in favor of volunteering.
- B. Chapel: Presented by Makayla
 - 1. Encouraged chapel participation from faculty and staff

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.