

**ACU Staff Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2025**

9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.

Dean's Conference Room, College of Biblical Studies

Senators: Hollye Jaklewicz, Titus Vesel, Lyndsey Steffek, Arthur Brandt, Katrina Pelleran, Makayla Kerrigan, Penny Ruot, Lucy Dawson, Laura Dickson, Amber Brokaw, Naoemi Gire, Rachael Morales, Micah Heatwole, Anne Hocking

Welcome - Call to order and welcome by Makayla Kerrigan, filling in for Lindsey.

Committee updates:

Benefits: No report.

Communications: No report.

Service Committee: Service Day report from Larry. The Saturday event went well. Approximately 107 students participated. The non-profits served were very grateful.

Development Recognition: Lyndsey updated regarding a suggested 3-year recognition other than a card to anniversary employees. After conversations it was determined that recognition cards will continue to be the standard recognition.

CompassPro Anne Hocking gave an update regarding engagement. January through December twenty-four people engaged through nine activities. There was a drop of engagement in February of only eleven people. A lack of communication is thought to be the reason for the drop. A group of new items will be placed in the system to include more activities in the portal allowing more opportunities for engagement. Two prizes will be selected for the next round of engagement.

Spring staff chapel: Discussion regarding a spring staff chapel. A suggestion regarding the Staff Award Recipients and possibly having them in a panel discussion format. This could include an MC of the event. Possibly asking a supervisor or colleague to introduce the recipients. Questions regarding their work at ACU, their spiritual journey, how they feel fulfilled at ACU.

The week following commencement was the suggested date for staff chapel. Tuesday, May 13th?

2025-26 Staff Senator Nominations: Anne Hocking recommended that we begin the nomination process for 2025-26 Staff Senators. Makayla, Rachael, Anne & Arthur will begin the process. The process will be:

1- staff names will be collected.

2 -collected names will be sent to HR to confirm eligibility.

March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month - Naoemi Gire:

Naoemi shared several items regarding events happening this month.

There is a Sensory Room set up in ADM 119 to raise awareness. It's a drop-in setting with a QR code for you to schedule an appointment time. Naoemi noted the difference between the month of March being designated as "*Developmental*" Disability month and October being "*Disability*" month.

April 4, 2025 there will be an Autism Walk. Events are open to all staff, faculty & students.

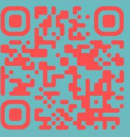


Developmental Disability Awareness Month

Disability Etiquette Training Session

Tuesday, March 25
11:30am - 1pm
LYNAY Classroom
Lunch Provided

Register Here



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH 2025

ALL MONTH

SENSORY STIMULATION ROOM

A Calm Space for Busy Minds to engage the senses through lights, sounds, textures, and scents to promote relaxation, focus, and cognitive development.

LIBRARY DISPLAY

Showcasing books written by and/or about people with disabilities

EVENTS

PAINT WITH CAB

March 4th at the Campus Center Mall (11:30AM - 2PM)

DISABILITY ETIQUETTE LUNCHEON

March 12th in the LYNAY classroom (11:30AM-1PM)

ADAPTIVE COOKING CLASS

TBD

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL TOURNAMENT

March 22nd at the Outdoor Pickleball Court (8:30 AM)

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY INSTITUTE

Join us for a
weekly College
Anxiety Support
Group!

A supportive community for
college students to manage
stress and anxiety to
prepare for exam season!



Let's
talk
about
Anxiety.

Start: Friday, March 21st
End: Friday, May 2nd
Time: 1-3 PM
Location: RM 126 in the
Bible Building

Highlights:

- Identify and understand anxiety
- Develop healthy coping strategies
- Build resilience and self-confidence
- Engage in supportive community



*Bring your
friend,
roommate,
sibling, or
partner!*

Call the Marriage and
Family Institute to RSVP

325-674-3724

Arthur Brandt noted that March is also **Cyber Security Awareness Training** month.

Additional item: Anne Hocking noted that the bi-laws state we should have an annual forum for staff. Currently none is scheduled for this academic year. Past experiences were along the lines of a fireside chat setting. A short presentation by an administrator and time for Q&A. Senators will ask Lindsey about moving forward with making this possible.

Prayer requests - Prayer by Makalya Kerrigan.

Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 3, 2025

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