

ACU Staff Senate Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2025
9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.
Dean's Conference Room, College of Biblical Studies

Senators: Katrina Pelleran, Makayla Kerrigan, Penny Ruot, Lucy Dawson, Rachael Morales, Micah Heatwole, Anne Hocking, Todd Mullins, Justin Smith, Lindsey Giffis.

Welcome: Call to order by Lindsey Giffis.

1 - Minutes: The April minutes will be approved at a later date.

2 - Treasurer/Budget Report: Lindsey updated senators that the staff senate budget was approved at \$10,000 for FY26. It is noted that this budget will remain in place annually.

Last Meeting Follow-up:

1 - May Chapel: Makayla confirmed that Spring Staff Chapel will be May 13th. Previous staff award winners: Anne Varner, Susan Gore and Scott Warren will be the panel participants. Anne Hocking has questions that will be asked of the panel. She will send the questions to the panel participants ahead of time.

Rachael will send out communication in the HR newsletter as a reminder for the spring staff chapel.

New Business:

May Celebration Lunch: Lindsey stated that a free lunch for staff senators is planned for 11:30 a.m. on May 22nd at Cypress Street downtown Abilene. Lindsey will send a calendar invitation to gather a final headcount.

Committee updates:

a. Benefits & Advocacy: No report.

b. Communications: Commencement volunteers: Maykayla stated that additional volunteers are needed to help with Commencement. She will send an email out with more details regarding dates and times. A free meal is included for those volunteering.

c. Development & Recognition:

i. CompassPro: Anne shared results for the month of April. Two hundred twenty-five people engaged across eleven activities. She thanked senators for providing additional gift card prizes. May 31st is the last day to receive credit for FY25 CompassPro cycle. Anne will send an update for the HR Newsletter as

there are a few people very close to completing their badge. The committee will meet one more time at the end of May to finalize all award recipients for the FY25 year. Anne is also planning an update/reminder of the CompassPro badge system at Staff Pre-session this fall.

-Prizes. Anne asked senate members to send her ideas for \$10, \$25, \$50 items that people might enjoy as prizes to be used for CompassPro.

-Brandability. Anne has reached out to Melissa from Brandability to see if the staff senate can have "ACU" branded items.

ii. New "*Thank you*" card proof. Anne's student employee designed a card that Anne showed the group. The newly designed card will be used in house only. Staff Senate approved the printing and use of the new "*Thank you*" card for FY26.

d. Nominations & Elections:

i. Vote results: Nine new people have officially agreed to serve on the Staff Senate beginning FY26. There was a tie between candidates. Current senators voted and approved all new FY26 members.

ii. Anne will contact alternate candidates to replace Arthur Brandt and Jennifer West to complete their open service seats.

e. Service:

Makayla shared Larry Henderson's report regarding opportunities for service which included both KGR and CASA 5Ks on Saturday, May 3rd on the ACU campus and encouraged participation in these events.

Additional agenda items. None.

Anne Hocking ended the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting - June 5, 2025.

Meeting adjourned.

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