

ACU Staff Senate Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2026
8:30a.m. - 10:00a.m.
Dean's Conference Room, College of Biblical Studies

Senators: Lauren Blasingame, Amber Brokaw, Ola Mae Bulkley, James Choi, Alexis Faulks, Micah Heatwole, Larry Henderson, Anne Hocking, Lisa Jones, Makayla Kerrigan, Jarrod King, Theasa Lefevre, ~~Kristen Richardson~~, Thomas Russell, Chris Smith, Amanda Spell, Lyndsey Steffek, Katrina Simpson-Pelleran, Anthony Egbo, ~~Laura Dickson~~, ~~Lindsey Griggs~~.

Welcome: Call to order by Anne Hocking

Previous Minutes: The Previous minutes were approved

Treasurer/Budget Report:

Workday is functional enough yet to pull accurate Treasurer report

Committee updates:

a. Benefits & Advocacy:

- Thank you baskets to Workday folks in motion.
- FAQ shared folder/doc

📎 Training/FAQs Resources to Share

b. Communications:

- i. Took time to submit to Micah's form: <https://forms.gle/KuegzbyqfKQGLy3f9>
- ii. We'll inform staff about food drives in staff newsletters when ready
- iii. We'll go ahead nad Inform staff about basketball volunteering through newsletter

c. Development & Recognition:

- d. CompassPro Report
 - 1. 159 staff working toward badge (23 have not logged in)
 - 2. Only 10 people engaged in January
- e. We'll revisist providing more money towards Suitable for us after we get an accurate budget
- f. No cards to write as haven't gotten anything from HR yet with Workday hinderances
- g. Ruthless Elimination of Hurry Spring Update - **Going well**
- h. Trainings planned:
 - i. March 17th - CAT training
 - ii. April 2nd - Tyson's Helper Wellbeing Training
 - iii. Feb 24th - Work with Purpose BYOL Luncheon:
 - iv. We've had 3 other submissions to the Staff Senate Intake Form, more coming on those later - but yay for engagement!
 - v. Staff Q and A with SLT members - coming in April

i. Nominations & Elections:

j. Gameplan:

- i. Lyndsey working with HR and expecting to have a committee meeting in the next couple weeks

k. Service:

l. Athletics game signups

- Signups have been going well
- February 21 - Staff Senate appreciation day
Staff appreciation game: do we have enough volunteer spots filled? do we need to buy tickets? Anthony will follow up

m. Food insecurity service opportunities

- i. Social work department
- ii. Grad students
- iii. Lisa met with Kaitlyn East and Shannon Que
 - 1. No qualifications for students to use.
 - 2. Majority of students in need are upperclassmen and grad students
 - 3. Cash or item donations (she will give Lisa a list)
 - 4. LEAN -in Rec Center - meal kits for students - there is a labor shortage
 - a. Maybe we could educate Staff on this program - through our newsletter?
 - 5. Leftover food from events? Can LYNAY students help with packaging?
 - 6. Give staff members opportunities to serve (not just Senate)
 - 7. Thomas has extra cuts of beef

n. Event Planning:

Spring fling, monthly lunches, walking group/challenges?

- Food trucks (for Spring fling - potential free food truck for first hundred people?), cornhole
- Need to know how much money to allocate
 - Katrina will look into this when Workday allows
- Walking challenge
 - Split people into teams
 - Google Forms to submit steps, get a prize at the end
- We are allowed to reserve the room in the Bean through EvM

Last Meeting Follow-up: n/a

New Business:

Staff Senate Chapel for Spring: Set for May 11th; COTH reserved.

Leading: TBD

Music: TBD -Bridget Moore; Laura Dickson, Cheryl, Johnny?

Future of Staff Senate Committee Update - things are progressing.

Dr. Schubert confirmed there should be tangible results from Staff Senate in Anne's meeting with him and Will Beasley

SS Office Hours Update

- Lyndsey will create a laminated Staff Senate office hours sign

May's thank you dinner for Staff Senate

- After May 12th.
- Before May 21 - AISD early release of students

Alexis: Is there a way to better communicate when employees leave?

Anne Hocking adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting - March 5, 2026.

Minutes recorded by James Choi