

ACU Staff Senate Meeting
Thursday, Mar 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 Griffin~~.

Welcome: Call to order by Anne Hocking

Previous Minutes: The Previous minutes were approved

Treasurer/Budget Report: Currently at \$7900 to spend
Year - end lunch \$500-600
Need to check books amounts (for Ruthless Elimination order)
Regular procedure - should send Katrina receipts directly, along with Workday stuff
Keep money for end of year prizes.
ACU Dallas next year may also use Suitable, so they may help pay for part of it.

Committee updates:

- a. Benefits & Advocacy:** Text
Delivered baskets to HR/Finance/IT. Went well. Pics are in the [drive](#).
- b. Communications:** N/A
- c. Development & Recognition:**
 - i. CompassPro Report
 - 1. 15 people engaging in 24 activities.
 - 2. 100+ working toward a badge
 - 3. 1 recognizing excellence
 - ii. We'll at least give another \$500 to Suitable for use of pathway this year; Katrina and Anne will look closer at budget to see if we can go to \$1000.
 - iii. SHOUTS & next steps
 - iv. Cards to write
 - 1. Nothing from HR
 - v. Ruthless Elimination of Hurry Spring Update
 - 1. Deep and fruitful
 - vi. Training updates:
 - 1. CAT (Tuesday, March 17th)
 - 2. Tyson (April 1)
 - 3. Loving students/colleagues through our work
 - a. Keep our events on both HR and Staff Senate Newsletters?
 - b. 2 weeks before each newsletter

- c. Amber is not getting Staff Senate newsletter!
- 4. Note: Eric Lemmons, Amy Boone's & Jon Carico's submissions
 - a. Amy Boone (book) and Eric (Enneagram) have suggested two trainings.
 - b. Enneagram seminar - June and July during lunch; still picking days

d. Nominations & Elections:

- i. Sent out emails to all nominees.
- ii. 10-11 have accepted. Deadline is 3/6.
- iii. Next time we meet, we should know all new staff senators.

e. Service:

- i. Food insecurity service opportunities
- ii. We have a list of items Social work typically stocks.
- iii. Food drive
- iv. Find a date
- v. Raise awareness (start letting people know, though dates are not finalized yet)
- vi. How to collect food - maybe collect from departments to make it easier? Maybe provide bins of a certain color to give to departments?
- vii. Makayla will find a list of building managers
- viii. Money collections too (QR Code - put them next to the collection bins)

f. Event Planning: Text

- i. Spring fling, monthly lunches, walking group/challenges?
- ii. Budget: Somewhere between 3500-4500
- iii. Probably late April...

Last Meeting Follow-up:

n/a

New Business:

March 18th - Staff appreciation day at the baseball game - Staff stands on the field for national anthem.

Staff Senate Store is Ready!

2-3 weeks delivery time.

Separate google form for departmental orders (no tax)

Adding sizing charts ? Maybe next time.

Need cutoff (March 29th, at midnight) date for the summer.

Need volunteers to sort and collect orders later.

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

Leading: TBD

-Bible student? Other colleague?

Music: TBD

-Bridget Moore; Laura Dickson, Cheryl, Johnny.

Future of Staff Senate Committee Update - not much update yet

SS Office Hours Update

No attendees either session yet. But we're available!

Raise more awareness by adding to HR Newsletters.

Andrew Huddleston: concerns about racquetball courts being lost to a weight room for athletes.

-Asking to start a petition started by Andrew

-Compromise?

Anne will follow up with Andrew.

Mark Lewis: concern over bylaws saying deans are ineligible, but feeling that should only be academic deans.

Lyndi Felan

Garrett Sublette

Shannon Kaczmarek

PJ Martinez

Darius Davis

Mark Lewis

Anne will ask HR if there is more to consider here.

Lindsey S: help establish cohorts for new staff (benefits and advocacy committee?); luncheons. And/Or maybe offer young professionals (under 40) casual luncheons for staff members to opt into

-mentorships?

Chris Smith has offered to lead this in the fall.

ACU Dallas Staff Council interest in CompassPro - I'm following up with Adam's Center to see if they're on board and will follow back up with ACU Dallas.

Anne Hocking adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting - April 2, 2026.

Minutes recorded by James Choi