

ACTS Committee Meeting

July 23, 2024

Meeting Notes



Attendees: Katie Holloway, Alex Melchers, Hannah Vaughn, Dennis Enix, Ron Orick, Bret Blackford

1. Friday Meetings Space:

ACTS no longer has weekly access to the M1 facility. ACTS can request M1 for special occasions but can no longer use weekly or store their tables and chairs. The M1 facility is where the Friday ACTS studies have been held the past couple years but now another location is needed.

- a. Short-Term: ACTS needs to find a new place for weekly Friday meetings. Bret Blackford and Ron Orick to request use of the McKnight church 4th floor area.
 - Permanent use of the large classroom on the 4th floor
 - Friday use of the main 4th floor meeting room to set up tables and chairs for a meal.
- b. Long-Term: What can we dream about for a long-term permanent meeting facility. The Committee discussed and brainstormed several ideas. Katie also shared some thoughts – see **Attachment A** below.
- c. Recommend Katie consider meeting on-campus at Wash-U at least 1x/month. The hope is to get some increased visibility to ACTS and also provide an opportunity for students who may be willing to walk to such an event rather than committing to an evening offsite somewhere, which may be more intimidating.

2. Fall 2024 Summary: It was an emotionally hard semester. Several of the students had personal issues, mental and physical, that weighed on Katie and Trevor.

- a. The ACTS Committee approved a “benevolence” budget area that Katie can use at her discretion. This can help her find counseling or other medical services for students.
- b. Katie and Trevor to honor and recognize a sabbath day of rest. The ACTS Committee also strongly recommends, more than encourage but recommend, that Katie also take Mondays off.
- c. Katie should engage the ACTS Committee on “big” decisions or questions. This may help take the responsibility away from Katie and put it on the ACTS Committee. There are hills we should be willing to die on, but the ACTS Committee should help Katie with those decisions. Katie can then respond to Wash-U or other organization(s) that “*Sorry, my oversight committee won’t allow me to do X or Y*”. Again, the hope is not to take decision making away from Katie but to remove some of the responsibility.

3. Summer Summary: Students have continued ACTS Friday’s at Katie and Trevor’s home.

4. Fall 2024-25 School Year:

ACTS will be losing some key mentors but Katie feels the remaining group is very solid. As mentioned above, Katie will put some guard-rails up to help her balance work/life commitments:

- Recognize the Sabbath
- Take Monday’s off
- Use benevolence fund to get assistance for students when needed. Hopefully this will minimize some of the time and frustration Katie may encounter getting students help.

5. New Intern: Harrison

Harrison will work as an ACTS intern starting in about a month. Intern offer letter [here](http://shared.mxcoc.xyz/2024/03.22.2024-ACTSItern-Harrison.pdf) - <http://shared.mxcoc.xyz/2024/03.22.2024-ACTSItern-Harrison.pdf>. Katie, did Harrison sign the ACTS agreement? (I can’t remember the official title, but it is a document that lays out work and behavioral expectations, etc.)

Below presented by Katie Halloway to the ACTS Campus Ministry Committee on July 23, 2024

ACTS Long-Term Property

Potential Next Steps

- CMC Prayer
- Create Budget for projected ongoing costs associated with property
 - Insurance, Tax, Utilities, Security, Maintenance
- Research local regulations about renting
- CMC Consensus
- Formalize Fundraising Plan & Timeline
 - Fundraising Approach & Strategy
 - Local Congregations, Alumni, Parents
 - Social Media, Video, Announcements, Events
 - Property ownership
 - Full Funding vs. Mortgage
 - Readiness of Property – Turnkey vs. Foreclosure

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Katie also shared an example of a possible property, noted [here](#) - <http://shared.mxcoc.xyz/2024/07.21.2024%20ACTS%20Comes%20Home.pdf>. This is just an example of a property that meets some of the key requirements:

- Close to Wash-U campus
- Large area for ACTS meeting. A basement space or a large living room, etc.
- Space for breakout groups
- Backyard for games, cookouts, etc.
- Kitchen with serving space
- Parking