ACU Student & Healthcare Professional in Training Committee Charter

Purpose

The ACU Student & Healthcare Professional in Training Committee guides ACU's efforts to support the next generation of healthcare professionals, administrators, public health professionals, and advocates as they begin a career focused on improving the health and well-being of underserved communities. Committee members will provide an important voice that will assist ACU in shaping programming and educational offerings. The Committee serves as a bridge between students, trainees, and the larger organization and supports the development of leadership skills. It provides a forum for dialogue and ensures that the needs of students and trainees are being heard and addressed.

Membership

- The Committee shall consist of one member from the ACU Board, at least 3 volunteers from the membership at large, and one ACU staff member.
- Membership is open to all students and healthcare professionals in training who are ACU members. ACU encourages involvement from individuals across the spectrum of training and degree programs that lead to careers in health centers or other stakeholder organizations, including but not limited, clinical training programs, public health, healthcare administration, public policy and advocacy, health education, and more. This also includes certificate programs, undergraduate programs, and post-graduate training.
- The Committee Staff is appointed by ACU's Executive Director to assist the Committee.
- Committee members will serve a one-year term with the option to renew at the end of the year.

Committee Chair

- The ACU Board President will appoint two committee members to serve as Committee Co-Chairs for a one-year term with the option for a second term.
- The Committee Co-Chairs will coordinate with the Board President to ensure that committee members are from diverse segments of the ACU membership.
- The Committee Co-Chairs will work with the ACU staff member to develop meeting agendas and ensure that the Committee's priorities are being realized through quarterly and ad hoc meetings.

Meetings

- Regular Committee meetings shall be held at least quarterly.

- An ACU staff member shall maintain minutes of the meeting and report regularly to the Board of Directors. Alternatively, the Committee Co-Chairs may report to the Board of Directors in place of the ACU staff member.

Time Commitment

- The members of the Committee should plan on a minimum of one one-hour conference call on a quarterly basis.
- Committee members who engage in opportunities to plan and execute any conference programming should plan on additional planning meetings prior to the conference.

Committee Priorities

- Identify opportunities to expand and strengthen ACU programs for the benefit of students and trainees.
- Foster a space for students and trainees to connect, network, and share ideas.
- Ensure the success of student and trainee involvement in ACU's annual conference by developing student networking opportunities, identifying strategies to improve programming for students and trainees, and promoting the conference within networks.
- Generate new strategies to cultivate interest amongst students and trainees in serving underserved communities in a meaningful way during their career and convert interest into ACU membership.
- Develop the leadership capacity of ACU Students & Healthcare Professionals in Training Committee members who might serve as future Board members.