



STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

10:02 AM

Call to Order: Staff Council Chair, Candice Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from the last Staff Council meeting was made by Ashley Travis and seconded by Gratasha Banks. September 2025 minutes were approved as written.

Announcements: RSVP for Holiday Party by Fri, 11/21; Angel Tree information will be coming out soon. Sponsor a kid as a department. Roughly 10 kids total. Fan Friday dates upcoming! Pay either at the Bursar or in Campus Store.

President's Office (and Enrollment Services and Academic Affairs), Don Green:

Dr. Kristina Jackson visiting soon, Ex Director of Residence Life

Fall 2024 cohort – we won an award for retaining the most students (64.5%); up 13.2% retention; up 3.9% enrollment

We are trending ahead on applications for Spring 2026.

Need social media penetration—tag your events, send photos to marcomm@gordonstate.edu

NISS playbook coming

Residence Halls need to grow

SACS upcoming

BBA, Entrepreneurship, and Cybersecurity degrees coming

We are working to get rid of pot on campus...

Human Resources, Tonya Johnson & Creche Navarro:

New Hires: Tabitha Smith (Shared Director of Financial Aid); Jairreis Williams (Police).

Farewells: Andrew Brown (Police); Robert Corley (Police); Kristy Riggs (Financial Aid); Allen Stutsman (Facilities).

Upcoming events: Annual Compliance Training due by November 30th; 2025-2026 Performance Evaluation opens December 1

USG Great Basics; USG Great Start; GSC GOLD Series

Check out Employment Opportunities on GSC website!

Ongoing Wellness activities: Cumberland Island Camping trip 12/19-12/22 (Limited spots); Mondays @ 5:10 line dancing; Mon/Wed Personal training; Thursday @ 12:30 yoga; 3rd Tuesday @ 3:30 Diabetes Support

We won the 10K A Day challenge! Go Paula!

2025 Wellness credit paid on last November paycheck; 2026 earning period begins 1/1/2026

Stay in the know with the Highlander Highlights, Wellness Intranet Page and Highlander Well-Being Facebook Group.

Advancement & Alumni Affairs, Candice Brown (sub):

Thank you for all the support!

Faculty & Staff Campaign total pledges/gifts: \$28650.66, a 13% increase with 75.7% participation

Leadership total pledges/gifts: \$12156, 73% increase with 100% participation

Giving Day coming up on 12/2/2025

Holiday Shoe Drive December 1 – January 31 (drop off at Alumni house)

Faculty/Staff tickets for Gordon Gala are \$75 as of 11/12/2025 there are still 248 seats remaining

Finance and Administration, Uzell Williams:

Can direct future questions to budgets@gordonstate.edu.

Can come by and meet Nick Henry.

It is budget season

Will speak to system office in January

Treasurer's Report:

Gordon Gives: \$1766 raised

Staff Development: remaining \$2705.75

Looking to partner with community for Gordon Gives days

"Tell Me Something Good!" —

Candy Crawl went very nicely for the community

Announcements, Candice Brown:

If interested in starting (or taking over the scheduling of an existing) staff interest group, please get in contact.

Our anonymous suggestion form is undergoing maintenance.

Adjournment:

Candice Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Travis moved to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Hyatt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10.38 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amber Isbell