



STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

10:01 AM

Call to Order: Staff Council Chair, Brienne McDaniel, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from the last Staff Council meeting was made by Ashley Travis and seconded by Jason Ogletree. September 2024 minutes were approved as written.

President's Office, Don Green:

Recruitment: all faculty/staff need to be active recruiters for Gordon; visit Lambdin for some handy pamphlets if needed.

Retention: very important—push graduation message with students

Props to facilities for our fancy Christmas lights

There is USG pressure to fill residence halls, but the before/after of Commons B is very impressive

Feel free to submit new degree/pathway ideas

Holiday Party—RSVP—11:30AM to 1:00PM on DEC 4th. There is a potluck (no judging) and recruit your Trivia team beforehand. Ugly Sweaters encouraged.

Investiture coming JAN 31.

Public Safety, Schneatha Higgins:

Located in Public Safety, participating in Angel Tree. There are tags available containing information on various kids/families and their needs/wants for Christmas. Either take gifts to Public Safety or bring to the Holiday Party. Let's try to get all the tags claimed by Nov 30.

Human Resources, Tonya Johnson & Creche Navarro:

New Hires: Marie Barge (Public Safety); Maggie Brooks (Records Assistant); Margaret Burke (Financial Aid Counselor); Sarah Jones (Academic Success Advisor); Jerrick McLeod (Mental Health Counselor);

Khadijah Nelson (Administrative Assistant); Robert Stephens (HVAC Technician); Curtis Trusty (Building Maintenance Worker).

Extended new hire orientation (full time faculty/staff hired 7/1/2024 and later) on Monday, Dec 2nd, 10:00AM – 2:00PM. RSVP to calendar invite.

There are several full and part-time positions open currently (check website for full list).

Visit the GSC Wellness Intranet Page for GSC & USG wellness news; each week's wellness events (including USG webinars); information about USG resources; upcoming events and discounts. Access via weekly GSC newsletter or the Highlander Well-being page on GSC website.

Line dancing coming soon (Thursdays @ 5, Dec. 5 & 12).

Ongoing: small group personal training, last session is Dec 4. Friday Yoga, two sessions left (Nov 22 & Dec 6). Diabetes Management Support last meeting this semester Tuesday, Dec 10 @ 2:00.

Join GSC wellness team, either as committee member or a champion spreading word to your colleagues.

Please complete the Wellness Satisfaction Survey when it comes out.

Last couple of GOLD series this semester: Microsoft Tips & Tricks, 11/21, @ 3:30 via Teams; Embracing Change, either 12/12 or 12/17, @3:30, GoToWebinar.

Enrollment Services & Marketing, Brie McDaniel reading blurb:

Currently at 66% of Spring goal, ahead of SP24 enrollment by 6.7%. Currently in No Fee November. Admissions team busy with several high school visits/events, including hosting many senior groups on campus.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with hosting Charles Drew High School last Friday.

Finance and Administration, Uzell Williams:

Just broke even on last budget. Again, we all need to recruit.

Facilities is hard at work, not only with Christmas lights, but also repairing the HVAC system, dorms and will be rolling out a new work order system soon.

Academic Affairs, Dr. Ardovini:

Currently being shared with Clayton State; while Dr. A will not be on campus during her shared days, she should be reachable via text/email promptly.

Participating in National Student Success Study. Awarded a Title III grant (for student success in the classroom), which will go towards Bridge Programs to acclimate freshman to college life.

Respiratory Therapy will be live Fall 2025.

The Consortium has been approved! (our students but share faculty) First is Logistics & Supply Chain Management. Cybersecurity up next.

Ideas are appreciated!

Advancement & Alumni Affairs upcoming read by Brie McDaniel:

12/3-Day of Giving

2/1/2025-Heart for Gordon Gala. Faculty/staff tickets \$75.

Treasurer's Report:

Gordon Gives: \$2,346.11—received \$201 from recent Gordon Gives Day at Mangia (11/4)

Staff Development: Awarded \$10,267; Remaining \$8,567; Utilized \$1,700

"Tell Me Something Good!"—

Esports closed their first season and have a student going into playoffs!

To Facilities—Ashley Travis appreciates fixing her heat so quickly.

To Dan, from Tobias: "I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for our new facilities director, Daniel McDermitt. Since his arrival, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a proactive approach, fostering a positive environment for both staff and students. His attention to detail and commitment to enhancing our campus are commendable. Thank you to Jamie and the HR team in support in bringing such a talented individual to our team. I look forward to seeing continued improvements under Daniel's guidance."

Announcements, Brienne McDaniel:

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

Our anonymous suggestion form is LIVE!! See Staff Council page.

New Staff Council Meeting dates posted.

Adjournment:

Brienne McDaniel called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Travis moved to adjourn the meeting. Amber Isbell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amber Isbell