



STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

10:01 AM

Call to Order: Staff Council Chair, Brienne McDaniel, called the meeting to order at 10:01AM

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

Brienne McDaniel:

A huge thank you from IT for all the people who completed their Cybersecurity training—staff is at 96%!

Everyone please consider attending the Strategic Planning Meetings. Upcoming meetings are in the email from President's Office and on the Powerpoint of this meeting.

Use general emails (all department) whenever possible. Directory upcoming.

President's Office, Don Green:

Reiterate: Please attend Strategic Planning meeting—they are meant to be a conversation.

Recruitment: all faculty/staff need to be active recruiters for Gordon; visit Lambdin for some handy pamphlets if needed. Retention is up and doing good.

Commencement is in the SARC due to logistical concerns—facilities normally sets up two ceremonies, which is a waste of time and resources.

Human Resources, Creche Navarro:

New Hires: Charles Smith (Dean of School of Business & Professional Studies); Joshua Mapson (Accounts Payable Coordinator).

Farewells: Kay Landers (Controller's Office); Jacob Young (Public Safety); Jennifer Jones (Custodian); Marie Barge (Public Safety); Penny Beverly (Accounts Payable).

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

We really, REALLY need bus drivers. Tell your friends.

USG Great Basics virtual workshop series offered monthly for USG employees to learn & build leadership-related skills through interactive sessions. April 29: Accepting Feedback; May 21: Recharging with Purpose and SMART Goals.

USG GOLD Series—May: Understanding Staff Council; June: Thriving Later in Life; July: Setting Healthy Boundaries.

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.

Wellness activities ending this month: Yoga (Monday @12:30); Line Dancing (Thursday @1:00); Diabetes Management Support Group (May 13 @3:30); Hiking Highlanders (May 31).

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.

Advancement & Alumni Affairs, Natalie Rischbieter:

Honors Reception & Graduate Toast May 1st. Please encourage seniors to attend!

Finance and Administration, no presenter:

Can direct future questions to budgets@gordonstate.edu.

Enrollment Services & Marketing, Jacqueline Williams & Karolina Philemon:

Admissions is now working with a new Application platform. Building Element 451 from scratch—Feedback welcome! Already in touch with Apple to Peach students, integrating them into communication plan. There are also two full time recruiters now—if interested, other people can also recruit for Gordon.

Suggest readmits and transfers complete a new application to be incorporated into the new communication plan.

Please direct Marketing requests through marcomm@gordonstate.edu

Please keep up with social media and Highlander Highlights. If you want something from Marketing/Karolina, please submit your request early.

Headcount is up, enrollment credit hours up as well

Academic Affairs, Dr. Ardovini:

Apple to Peach initiative is happening. Soft launch summer. Working to make waivers for in-state tuition possible. Depending on the reception, then we will soft launch Olive to Peach.

Hosting Southern Crescent Technical on Friday to determine steps forward towards jointly marketing and advising students.

Highlander Scholars starting in the summer with the bridge to freshman program, Title III grant received.

Ideas are appreciated!

Treasurer's Report:

Gordon Gives: \$621 raised

Staff Development: remaining \$3643.76

Looking to partner with community for Gordon Gives days

"Tell Me Something Good!" —

From Ashley Travis:

I want to thank Heidi from cleanpro, she has been so smiley and sweet to us, and the other week she did a deep clean in our offices and left kind notes which was greatly appreciated!

I want to thank Joy Matthews and Ashley Hursey for being such great team mates and stepping up to help me with Continuing Education business!

I want to thank Josh Ogle for his assistance with Adult & Veteran students and helping me understand Element 451 better.

Thank you to Haley Forrest for always being quick to respond to Degreeworks and transfer issues.

From Brad Fuller:

Thank you to UGA Griffin for letting us borrow the projector lens making this presentation possible.

Hopefully we will be able to purchase our own.

Check out the Undergraduate Research symposium today and the Adult and Veteran Symposium tomorrow.

Announcements, Brienne McDaniel:

Nominating committee has sent out calls for nominations for Executive Board and committees! Voting happens in June!!

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 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amber Isbell