



STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

10:00 AM

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

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

Brienne McDaniel:

VOTE for Staff Council if you have not!

Results released Monday 6/30/2025:

Chair—Candice Brown

Vice-Chair—Leslie Daniels

Treasurer—Larsen Hammond

Secretary—Amber Isbell

Strategic Planning & Budget—Ashley Travis

Faculty Senate Liaison—Vicki Hyatt

Collaborative Learning/Library—Paula Williams

IT—Hugh Shepard

Nominating—Breyona Posey, Ashley Hursey, Leslie Daniels

Staff Development & Welfare—Ashley Hursey, Susan Hoffman, Charles Wilcox, Alvin Stephens, Creche Navarro

Grievance—Lawren Reyes, Kristy Riggs, Brie McDaniel, Schneatha Higgins, Cindy McCard, Khadijah Nelson, Candice Brown

President's Office, Don Green:

Retention up 20%, 13 year high enrollment currently up.

Applications are down due to variety of factors including new platform

Enrollment Services & Marketing, Don Green:

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.

Working on more of a social media presence to get influence further away—take pics of your events and submit them!

Steve Harvey camp—Steve Harvey promised \$400,000 in scholarships

Human Resources, Tonya Johnson & Creche Navarro:

New Hires: Michelle Green (Accountant); Dr. Sonya Gaither (Dean of Library, shared with Clayton State); Theresa Harvard-Johnson (Continuing Ed Program Manager); David Whitfield (Skilled Trades technician).
Farewells: Jontavious Banks (Facilities); Haley Forrest (Registrar); Cynthia Jacobs (Admissions); Melissa Johnson (Enrollment Services & Marketing); Heidi Pinney (Financial Aid); Timothy Trusty (Facilities); James Watts (Public Safety); Elizabeth Williams (Admissions); Jacqueline Williams (Admissions).

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

Performance evaluations must be totally done by July 15th!

USG Great Basics virtual workshop series offered monthly for USG employees to learn & build leadership-related skills through interactive sessions.

USG GOLD Series—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.

Hiking Highlanders have Cumberland Island Camping Trip Dec 19-22.

Buying a Home (July 8) and Tackle Debt & Understand Your Credit Score (July 17).

Advancement & Alumni Affairs, Natalie Rischbieter:

Paint the Town Blue is a go again in August!

Two free concerts upcoming to bring in the Community—see flyers

Finance and Administration, Jamie Petty:

Can direct future questions to budgets@gordonstate.edu.

Currently closing out the fiscal year.

Everything closed July 1 until around July 15—could open earlier, but plan on July 15.

Contact immediately if something comes up that needs to be accounted for—we want a clean audit.

Academic Affairs, Dr. Ardovini:

Sociology and History Bas are terminated. Getting a BS in Computer Information Systems, as well as new concentrations and BBA in Business Admin.

Apples to Peaches had 53 participants in the recent livestream.

All Campus meeting is Aug 4.

Ideas are appreciated!

Treasurer's Report:

Gordon Gives: \$621 raised

Staff Development: remaining \$1639.76

Looking to partner with community for Gordon Gives days

"Tell Me Something Good!"—

From Ashley Travis:

Thank you to the current Executive Board for all your hard work and caring so much about the staff.

From Joba Duke:

eSports Car Wash fundraiser raised \$800 of the \$2500 needed.

From Dr. Uzell and Dr. Ardovini:

Sons are graduating and finishing their degrees!

From Jamie Petty:

Now a proud granddad.

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 will be posted after new executive board meets.

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 11.00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amber Isbell