



STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

10:03 AM

Call to Order: Staff Council Chair, Candice Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

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

Need to vote for empty committee members! Results will be posted online.

President's Office, Don Green:

Thank you for serving students!

Thank you to all those working with the Title III Grant – William Drew Smith, Tonya Moore

Enrollment Services, Don Green:

Up 3% enrollment

Retention up 10% year to year

Housing up 10% year to year

There are some open positions—2 recruiters, Executive Assistant to the President

A fond goodbye to Jennifer Stutsman and Kristi Riggs

Upcoming events: Probe events, Instant Decision Days (maybe instant Admission Days?); Halloween on Thomaston St; Open Houses

5 Major goals for president's direct reports: Processes evaluation (spending, hiring, performance, academic advising, transcripts); software

Marketing, Karolina Philomen:

Use marcomm@gordonstate.edu for all inquiries

See the Identity Manual on the GSC website: Enrollment Services and Marketing > Marketing > Graphic Standards Manual Logo Downloads. This also has High Resolution Graphics and the Branding message.

All media created by departments should be consistent with this graphic identity.

Read the Highlander Highlights newsletter for staying connected. Submit stories, pictures or requests to add something to marcomm@gordonstate.edu. If you have a social media, follow, like, comment and repost GSC stories! #GSCHighlandersForward

Human Resources, Tonya Johnson & Creche Navarro:

New Hires: Dakota Daniel (Building Maintenance Worker); Jennifer diCecco (Evaluation Specialist); Jesse Questad (Building Maintenance Worker); Kimberly Sanders (Transfer Coordinator); Dr. William “Drew” Smith (Title III Project Coordinator); Nick Henry (Interim VPFA)

Farewells: Rusty Collins (Facilities); Jasmine Copeland (Career Services); Joshua Mapson (Controller’s Office).

Upcoming events: Open Enrollment (10/27-11/7); Benefits Fair (10/7); Ethics Awareness Week (11/3-11/9)

USG Great Basics; USG Great Start; GSC GOLD Series

Check out Employment Opportunities on GSC website!

Wellness News: Hiking Highlanders trip this Saturday; Cumberland Island Camping trip 12/19-12/20 (Limited spots); GSC Mental Health Awareness week 10/6-10/10)

Ongoing wellness activities: Mondays @5:10 Line Dancing in the SSC Auditorium; Mon/Wed personal training with Coach Capers (by appointment); Thursday @12:30 Lunchtime yoga; 3rd Tues @3:30 Diabetes Management Support Group

Earn 2025 Wellbeing credits by September 30!

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

Advancement & Alumni Affairs, Natalie Rischbieter:

Shout out to everyone who came out for Gordon Grooves!!

Campus Campaign is about to start. Leadership campaign just ended (9/3-9/19) with 100% participation. 73% increase in leadership giving from last campaign; \$12156 raised. Main campaign for faculty/staff is 9/29-10/27. Can pick which fund your contribution goes towards. If you want to create a new fund, contact Candi Babcock.

Even a \$1 is good and contributes towards employee participation percentage!

Finance and Administration, Uzell Williams:

Can direct future questions to budgets@gordonstate.edu.

Can come by and meet Nick Henry.

When traveling, submit Travel request before leaving. If \$2500 or more anticipated, put it on a PO

Pcard holders should anticipate a training

Academic Affairs, Dr. Ardovini:

Sound Wave was awesome!

Commencement—volunteer for areas; anticipate the email

IT, Doug Stewart:

ID machine up and running, located in Housing, Student Services, and Public Safety

New ID not necessary if you already have an old one.

Cybersecurity underway, already 32% completed

Password reset utility has been redone

You now see IT chatbox on homepage; the chatbox can issue a pin

Treasurer's Report:

Gordon Gives: \$1766 raised

Staff Development: remaining \$4522

Looking to partner with community for Gordon Gives days

"Tell Me Something Good!"—

Tobias is staying! Hooray! –everyone, probably

Major Fest saw over 149 students

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:

Candice Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Travis moved to adjourn the meeting. Meagan Williams seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amber Isbell