



## **STAFF COUNCIL**

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2026

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 Jason Ogletree and seconded by Meaghan Pearson. February 2026 minutes were approved as written.

### **President's Office, Don Green:**

Strategic Planning update says we're "in a good place"

80 DE to Freshmen

Undergraduate Research Symposium

Entrepreneurship competition—our student was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the USG

We're moving from Existential to Aspirational goals

### **Enrollment Services, Alexis Bryant:**

Summer goal including continuing students 1202. Current apps=658, admits=261, enrolled=115 (only 48 last year at same time)

Fall goal including continuing students 3550. Current apps=2361, admits=854 (only 415 last year), enrolled=183

### **Human Resources, Tonya Johnson & Creche Navarro:**

New Hires: Kennedy Chambers (Student Affairs Coordinator), William Perdue (Public Safety), Alex White (Title III Project Assistant).

Farewells: Jeremy Compton (Grounds), Dontavious Hunter (Grounds), Brie McDaniel (Student Life), Willie Proctor (Grounds).

Upcoming events: Highlander Retiree Celebration April 30. TRS Pre-Retirement workshop May 19, individual counseling sessions May 20-21.

USG Great Basics; USG Great Start; GSC GOLD Series

Check out Employment Opportunities on GSC website!

Ongoing Wellness activities: Mondays @ 5:10 line dancing; Mon/Wed Personal training; Thursday @ 12:30 yoga; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 3:30 Diabetes Support

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

### **Marketing, Karolina Philoman:**

Keep your eye on the newsletter! Send stuff to [marcomm@gordonstate.edu](mailto:marcomm@gordonstate.edu)

There is now an official swag request process—walk in requests will no longer be fulfilled. There is a form; see Marketing web page. All swag requests must be tied to specific event or initiative.

### **Advancement & Alumni Affairs, Natalie Rischbieter:**

Thank you to Facilities—over 100 military-era alumni attended Alumni Weekend.

Grad Toast & Honors Reception 4/23 currently has 132 attendees.

Scholarship Luncheon 4/30

Swing for Success Golf is fundraising for Athletics.

175 Year Anniversary next year

### **Academic Affairs, Joanne Ardovini:**

Submitted Social Media/Digital Communication Social Marketing degree to USG

Proposal for a Mastering degree in Education

Pushing message of “15 to Finish”

Goal to get to 5000 students

### **Finance and Administration, Uzell Williams:**

Can direct future questions to [budgets@gordonstate.edu](mailto:budgets@gordonstate.edu).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Gordon Gives: \$1698.39

Staff Development: remaining \$98.08

### **"Tell Me Something Good!" —**

Thank you for everyone who helped the Campus Store with the GACS visit.

Challenge from President: build a culture of abundance by sharing good news with others not present

### **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 live.

### **Adjournment:**

Candice Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Ogletree moved to adjourn the meeting. Meaghan Pearson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amber Isbell