



STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 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 Candi Babcock. April 2026 minutes were approved as written.

A vote is happening for vacant offices.

President's Office, Don Green:

Join us for President Green's Farewell Celebration on Thursday, June 25th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Melton Hall/Nursing Building Courtyard.

Join us for a drop-in welcome for Dr. Russell Crutchfield, upcoming President, on July 13th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Hightower Library.

Enrollment Services, Karen Raines:

See Admissions Event calendar.

37% increase in new applications for Summer with a 12.76% increase in total enrollment as of date.
Current enrollment=1352.

2908 new applications for Fall and 1194 admitted. Total Fall enrollment stands at 2548 with a goal of 3558.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to assist with the call campaign.

Human Resources, Tonya Johnson:

New Hires: Laura Abbott (Admissions Specialist); Elizabeth Hill (Academic Success Advisor); Jolyanna Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant for Finance & Administration).

Farewells: Leslie Bennett (Resident Director); Joba Duke (Center for Workforce Development); Chandler Schutz (Center for Workforce Development); Ronald Scruggs (Grounds); Ashley Travis (Innovative

Education & External Programs); Jairreis Williams (Officer).
New roles: Karen Raines (Registrar).

Upcoming events: Leadership & Supervisory Training (July 16); Employee Appreciation popup event (July 1)

USG Great Basics; USG Great Start; GSC GOLD Series

Check out Employment Opportunities on GSC website!

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

Marketing:

Keep your eye on the newsletter! Send stuff to marcomm@gordonstate.edu

Advancement & Alumni Affairs, Natalie Rischbieter:

Swing for Success Golf is fundraising for Athletics.

175 Year Anniversary next year

Academic Affairs, Joanne Ardovini:

New concentrations in Cybersecurity, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, etc. Potentially Medical Lab Sciences, Digital Marketing, and Radiology

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.

Year end is looming. June 22 is last day to submit p card requests. Get invoices and departmentals through before the end of the month. Once closed, probably won't open until at least July 17.

PeopleSoft and OneUSG are in the beginning phases of being phased out to the ERP.

Treasurer's Report:

Gordon Gives: \$1,664.

Staff Development: remaining \$27,620

“Tell Me Something Good!” —

“A HUGE shoutout to everyone who volunteered their valuable time during the Store’s inventory—and to their Supervisor’s and direct colleagues who let them slip away for a bit.”—Campus Store

“thank you to everyone helping the Steve Harvey camp kids”--President

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. Candi Babcock seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amber Isbell