

**Gordon State College  
Staff Council  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2012  
Student Center Auditorium**

**Call to Order & Approval of Minutes:**

Staff Council President Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He inquired of the staff present if any revisions/additions were needed for the Staff Council minutes dated June 27, 2012. None were suggested; a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Lee Fruitticher recognized new employees hired since our last meeting:

Fred Bailey - Resident Director, Student Housing

Kim Clark - Director of Institutional Research

Jessica Eanes - Administrative Assistant, Continuing Ed

Raquel Gutierrez - Admissions Specialist, Admissions Office

Carin Hardin - Resident Director, Gordon Commons

Anissa Howard - Academic Advisor, Student Success Ctr

Kody Kennedy - Police Officer, Public Safety

Andrea McDowell - Police Officer, Public Safety

Treva Reeves - Administrative Assistant, Counseling Services

Jeff Thompson - Police Officer, Public Safety

Todd Davis announced the Staff Council Secretary nominees: Rebecca Macomber and Laura Parks. Ballots for voting were handed out to all present and collected at the end of the meeting. After votes were tabulated, the Staff Council secretary was announced by Todd Davis via email on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Representatives from the Lamar County Backpack Program presented information concerning their much needed program in the community. Nicole James and Kiyanna Battle, from Nutrition Services for Lamar County Schools, explained how the program provides items such as juice boxes, boxes of macaroni and cheese, beans and franks, along with other non-perishable food items to those students in all four schools who are identified as being in need of this service. Parents of elementary students pick up bags of food products for their children while middle and high school students collect their own bags to take home. The program is operated in a way so that students are not made to feel embarrassed or singled out when receiving their "backpacks". Gordon Gives presented a check in the amount of \$400 to Ms. James and Ms. Battle for the Backpack Program.

Natalie Rischbieter updated Staff Council on the Campus Annual Fund, with current participation at 28%, but a minimum of 70% participation is needed. Donations currently total \$16,820 in pledges, with a goal of \$22,000 for this year. The campaign will run until October 31<sup>st</sup>. A major overall goal for this fund is to raise \$1 million dollars to be used for aid to Gordon students who are in need with scholarships and tuition assistance. Natalie asked us to please remember this fund is for the students. Donation envelopes are available through Natalie for you to make your donation / pledge to this worthy cause.

Debbie Christian presented the Staff Council with an update on Gordon State College's Community Education, also known as Ed2go, initiatives. Ed2go consists of online courses that are instructor facilitated and run for six weeks for a total of 12 lessons. Courses are highly interactive and project-oriented. They include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links and more. There is a variety of courses to choose from, for either personal or professional development. A complete list of classes currently offered through ed2go can be viewed at [www.ed2go.com/gdn](http://www.ed2go.com/gdn).

Debbie also reminded us of the annual "I'm Going to College" event for 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Lamar County, being held on campus Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed. Let's all do our part to assist with our future Gordon students during this event.

Reminder: *Flu shots* are available for faculty and staff in the Student Health Center for \$10 each. Clinic hours are:  
M – F  
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
1 – 4 p.m.

Dr. Dennis Chamberlain reminded everyone to give the best customer service possible to our students. Please remember that our students are our clients. They pay a fee to attend Gordon State College, which equals income to the college. Dr. Chamberlain announced the following Gordon staff members who have been nominated for the Chancellor's Customer Service Award:

Shalanna Banks – Residence Life  
Beverly Eskridge – Library  
Laura Shadrack – Humanities  
Troy Stout – Computer Services

Remember, the Secret Shoppers are still out there! You never know when they may be "shopping" you!

Lee Fruitticher updated the Staff Council on the 2013 budget regarding state cuts in the amount of 3%. Gordon State College returned approximately \$351,000 in funds, and another 1 - 3% may be required in additional budget cuts by the state. The Financial Cabinet met and has recommended actions to implement a \$1.4 million budget reduction. Lee reiterates that Gordon State College is sound fiscally and has plans already in place for any further budget cuts implemented by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Theresa Stanley and Clint Chastain reported from the Strategic Planning committee. Theresa reports that the Strategic Planning process is very much in the "fact finding" mode. She stressed that the participation of everyone on campus is vital to the efforts of the committee and that everyone has valuable input to offer.

Council president Todd Davis, Candice Babcock and Gordon State College president Max Burns presented Service Awards to the following employees:

5 Years of Service

Walter Bibbs  
Debra Cone  
Robin Foster  
Lee Fruitticher  
Rori Herriage  
Israel Ingle  
Darlene O'Baner  
Rhonda Shehee  
Hugh Shepard  
Wanda Stuckey  
Patrick Walker

10 Years of Service

Lorell Almand  
Gratasha Banks  
Marc Gray  
Teresa Haynes  
Fletcher Hughley  
Daniel McKinley  
Dian Pitts  
Troy Stout  
Teresa Thompson  
Rhonda Toon

15 Years of Service

Tonya Coleman  
Charles Head  
Britt Lifsey  
Jackie Lovejoy  
Stephen Sullivan  
James Watts

20 Years of Service

Becky Watts

25 Years of Service

Nancy Anderson  
Janet Barras  
Beth Pye

We thank each of you for your years of service to and continued support of Gordon State College!

Staff Council Treasurer Cindy McCard provided an update from the Council Treasury. Gordon Gives currently has 8 Jeans Days planned for this year, with more dates to be determined. You may now purchase your Jeans Days pass for a donation of \$15 per semester or \$25 for the entire academic year. Individual stickers may still be purchased by the day, but special days / benefits may be given to those who purchase yearly buttons. Buttons are on sale for a limited time, so be sure to get yours before time is up. Remember, the funds raised through Gordon Gives are used for the Lamar County Backpack Program and Relay for Life.

Staff Council president Todd Davis reminded everyone of the Suggestion Box. Suggestions can also be made via email if preferred, but please be mindful that some suggestions should be discussed and/or handled at the individual department level.

The now famous segment of “Tell Me Something Good” was presented by Staff Council president Todd Davis who recognized the following nominees:

- Dr. Max Burns
- Rori Herriage
- Sue Gilpen
- Betty Carper

The following campus departments were also recognized for their part in registration and the start of school this year:

- Admissions
- Business Office
- Registrar’s Office
- Financial Aid
- Residence Life

In closing comments, Staff Council president Todd Davis announced that approval has been given to the staff to dress up for Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>! Remember to keep your costumes appropriate / tasteful. We hope everyone has a *spooketacular* time!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Parks  
Staff Council Secretary