

# Charlotte Staff Council

## Minutes

March 11, 2026



**Present:** Jessica Waldman, Audra Esposito, Jen Knight, Kelly Ortiz, Pamela Erickson, Tammie Lyons, Adam Hatem, Adrienne Lee, Agnes Galambosi, Alice Patterson, Annie Edwards, April Spruill, Austin Abernathy, Cai Fox, Carmen Barham, Chad Smith, Cheyenne Holmes, Christi Skerlak, David Landrum, Elise Chafin, Elizabeth Beattie, Elizabeth Palian, Ella Ivey, Heather Barrows, Ilana Rivkovich, Imani McPherson, Jade Boone, Jamie Sheppard, Jennifer Campbel, Jennifer Lewis, Jenny Bayas, Jessica Berrios, Jessica Dudley, Joe Rick, Jules Keith-Le, Justin Sanchez, Kameron Roach, Keinesha Balkcom, Kimberly Laney, Kyle Lanasa, Lindsay Mongillo, Lisa Dooley, Lisa Williams, Maria Sanchez, Marquita Brown, Melissa Battle, Michael Spivey, Michelle Embry, Monica Burke, Monika Soler, Nanette Korepanov, Nathan Klinge, Petra Porter, Rachel Powell-Rangel, Rania Sorour, Rebecca Hawes, Rebekah Hartberger, Rochelle Holder, Ronald Solis, Sam Martin, Sharisse Stafford, Sharon Horinka, Shawn Frazer, Sherry Washington, Stephanie Bird, Stephanie Perry, Tanisha Brinson, Tanisha Sewell, Tanya Nicholson, Tavaris Baxter, Tori Lord, Valerie Wigg, Vicky Harris, Vivian Cherry, Wendy Haigler

Guests: Lora Bassett, DeErra Bradley, Zitalya Leathers, Alex Bakirdgi

Called to order at 3:03pm

### **Committee Reports:**

Engagement Committee: - Vicky Harris will join Austin as co-Chair. The committee met to discuss upcoming events. Coffee and Conversation coming soon to Lucas room in Cone. Maybe a Spring Fling.

Staff Relations Committee: Nothing to report. Pearl will be stepping down from Chair of the committee. No meetings indicates no submissions

Professional Development Committee: Nothing to report

Retreat Committee: Preliminary planning has begun. Will report more at the next meeting.

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### Board Reports:

Treasurer - Operating - \$3,017.52, Discretionary - \$4,079.20. Working on spend-down, taking into consideration the upcoming events. Combined \$14,000. Discretionary account begins with \$10,000 and Operating account begins with \$4,000. The budget comes from the university through Business Affairs. The operating budget is used for supplies, anything going to staff as a whole. Discretionary is used mostly for events.

Communications - Nothing to report. Golden Nugget in the works..

Technology -.website is up to date. Minutes will be added after this meeting, once approved.

Secretary - Motion to approve the February Minutes was made by Jessica Berrios, seconded by Kyle Lanasa. Minutes passed by unanimous vote. The Retreat Committee will meet next week.

Chair's Report: Staff Assembly - how are topics decided on to present? Chairs of each Council or Senate meet monthly to discuss issues. Have concerns been addressed that are cross-campus? Yes, leave time, winter events, flexible work policy, pay, resources allocated to each Council. The Staff Assembly met yesterday. More to come in April.

Gearing up for Niner Nation Gives! Three days of giving beginning March 31, 11am in Student Union. Giveaways are available. Number of Donors over Dollars is the focus. Early giving opens 3/17

Charlotte Accent - wants to partner with UNC Charlotte. Tickets are \$20-\$30. March 28 is carnival-themed night.

Board of Trustee - met Feb. 18 - enrollment funding is focus. Does not include any salary actions. \$8M for last year and \$22M for this year is owed to UNC Charlotte. Record Spring 2026 enrollment.

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[Board of Governors](#) - met in February. Tuition will increase for 2026-27 students. The increase is only for tuition, not parking, housing, etc. This is for all incoming students, current students are exempt. It was reported that retention numbers have returned to pre-Covid numbers. Not sure where the data is coming from or what criteria was used in arriving at this conclusion. More information will be available in the future. Shared services expansion for some UNC system schools is coming.

The Chair's report regarding Staff Assembly will be included in the newsletter.

Vice Chair Report: No report today.

Jessica Berrios - STEP - Staff Teamwork, Energy & Play! A new Ad Hoc Wellness committee. To potentially begin in Fall 2026. Possibly having mid-day events exclusively for staff. Join [pranceprancerevolution2.wordpress.com](https://pranceprancerevolution2.wordpress.com) is Jessica's group. Jules Keith-Le & Sophia Jordan Marshall led the wellness committee previously. Jessica Waldman will get more info and share with Jessica Berrios. Contact Jessica Berrios if interested or if there are questions, [jberrio2@charlotte.edu](mailto:jberrio2@charlotte.edu). Presentation:



[STEP Presentation - Staff Council.pptx](#)  
[10 MB](#)

**New Business:** No updates on incentive of a UREC membership or free parking in lieu of tuition waiver. The Staff Assembly is looking into options, however, nothing can change without legislative approval.

Lock down test on Friday @ 4pm.

Alex Kergey, Asst Director of Community Engagement & Alumni Engagement office, men's basketball team is hosting a fan-da-monium @ 7pm at Clutch in uptown and in Fort Mill, at Dilworth Grill. Also, Niner Night baseball game at Truist Field, April 14. UNC Charlotte vs. Clemson. Tickets \$35 w/food package.

Tavarus Baxter - student involvement. Student Orgs. 495 orgs, only 100 have advisors. Asking for advisors, email coming soon. Training is provided. Aug. 1 - Sept.

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30, 1 hour. Documenting the meetings with officers is required. Contact Tavarius at [vbaxter@charlotte.edu](mailto:vbaxter@charlotte.edu) with questions.

Next mtg in SoVI in April and May will be virtual, if not canceled

Motion to adjourn was made by Audra Esposito and seconded by Kyle. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.