

# Charlotte Staff Council

## Minutes

April 8, 2026



**Present:** Tammie Lyons, Carrie DaSilva, Jen Knight, Kelly Ortiz, Pamela Erickson, Audra Esposito, Adam Hatem, Adrian Jelley, Adrienne Bowman, Agnes Ozelkan, Alexis Black, Amparo Ramos, Andrew Pack, Anthonyt Dixon, Ashley Mumford, Austin Abernathy, Ben Still, Cali Wickert, Catherine Forbes, Chad Smith, Chayla Jackson, Cheryl Whitley, Claudia Sotolongo, Courtney Hill, Cynthia Stone, Daniel Etim, David Landrum, Dornette Scott, Elise Chafin, Elizabeth Baker, Elizabeth Beattie, Erica Roth, Heather Barrows, Heather Mitchell, Heather Pena, Herlicia Blakely, Imani McPherson, Imani Williams, Jacqui Celecia, Jamette Blue, Jamie Sheppard, Jane Hawes, Jen Amano, Jennifer Campbell, Jessica Kapota, Jessica Riios, Jordan Gona, Josh Willis, Kameron Roach, Karen King, Karen Martin, Kat Denson, Keinesha Balkcomm, Keionda Sanders, Kiarra Reid, Kimberely Laney, Kyle Lanasa, LaTonja Miller, Lora Bassett, Margaret Williams, Maria Sanchez, Mary McLean, Mia Gaddy, Michael Spivey, Monika Soler, Nanette Korepanov, Nathaisa Jones, Nathan Klinge, Nicole Benford, Pamela Bragg, Pearl Brown, Rachel Powell, Rania Sorour, Rebecca Hawes, Rebecca Stamper, Rochelle Holder, Ronald Solis, Rose Diaz, Sara Watson, Shanique Parker, Sharon Horinka, Shawn Frazier, Stephanie Perry, Stephanie Waldorf, Susan Bunton, Syreeta Taylor, Tamika Davis, Tanishas Brinson, Tanner Goodman, Tanya Nicholson, Tiasha Dargins, Tracy Beauregard, Valerie Wigg, Vicky Harris, Vivian Cherry, Wendy Haigler, Zitalya Leathers

**Guests:** Diedra Harris-Lumpkins, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, Michelle Embry, Biljana Bosevska, Jessica Kapota, Charleata Neal, Katharina Findlater, Rich Amon, DeErra Bradley

Tammie Lyons called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

Diedra Harris-Lumpkins shared that HR Connect will launch on April 20, 2026. This is a new centralized platform to enhance how the UNC Charlotte community engages with human resources. See [presentation](#) for details.

### **Committee Reports:**

Engagement Committee: - Coffee & Conversation event, April 15, 7:30 am - 10:30 am, Cone Center, Lucas Room. Tables for Area Reps/Alternates. Coffee, tea and donuts will be provided. Additional events coming soon.

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Staff Relations Committee: Received a question today that the Committee will be addressing soon.

Professional Development Committee: Assessment of offering, Survey of what staff is looking for, Summer Series - Career Center

Retreat Committee: July 8, 2026, 9am - 1pm. The theme is “Tech Empowered, Wellness Driven”. Beth Rugg is guest speaker. More details to come in May.

Golden Nugget Committee: met to discuss how to make the Golden Nuggets more efficient.

### Board Reports:

Treasurer - Operating - \$2,614.54 in Discretionary - \$4,079.20. Working on spend-down, taking into consideration the upcoming events. Recent purchases of coffee and donuts for the upcoming Coffee & Conversations events. A budget of \$2,500 was set for the Retreat in July.

Communications - 19 Golden Nuggets.....

Technology -.New virtual meeting sign-up link and process. Webinar format.

Secretary - Motion to approve the March Minutes was made by Pearl Brown, seconded by Kelly Ortiz. Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

Chairs Report: Staff Assembly Updates:

See the HR presentation from the last Staff Assembly meeting [here](#).

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### Vice Chair Report:

Nominations for Staff Council elections are open! Available positions are Chair, Secretary, Communications, Area Representatives & Alternates (Even Areas). Visit this [link](#) to submit your nominations. The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 24th. Voting will begin May 13th, 2026.

UREC Open House - Late May  
Digital Screens on Campus

### **New Business:**

Wellness event coming on May 14. More information to come.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Ortiz and seconded by Carrie DaSilva . The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.