



MAY 2026

NUGGETS OF NEWS

News from UNC Charlotte Staff Council

April 2026 Meeting Recap

The April Staff Council meeting was held on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026** from 3:00-4:00 PM in the Keith Wassum Room (SoVi) and Zoom.

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Meeting Minutes](#)

Next meeting in June 2026

There will be no meeting in May. We'll resume in June 2026.

Click the link below to sign up link for the virtual meeting option. You'll receive a calendar invite with the link.

[Sign Up Here](#) for our [Virtual Monthly Meeting Option!](#)

Staff Council Elections 2026-2027

The election process is underway! Look for voting information via email soon.

UNC Charlotte Staff Council

Chair: **Jessica Waldman**

Vice Chair: **Tammie Lyons**

Secretary: **Pam Erickson**

Treasurer: **Kelly Ortiz**

Communications: **Carrie DaSilva**

Technology Officer: **Jen Knight**

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Staff concerns? Let us know!

The Staff Council is dedicated to representing the voices of staff within our community. The Staff Relations Committee addresses issues and concerns related to University policies and procedures. Staff are encouraged to share their concerns by submission of our [webform](#).



Important Dates - May and June 2026

May 25, 2026 - [Memorial Day](#)

June 14, 2026 - [Flag Day](#)

June 19, 2026 - [Juneteenth](#)

Visit the [Academic Calendar](#) for the complete calendar and important deadlines.

Campus Disruptions, Delays and Detours

Stay on top of projects that could affect your commute across campus by [visiting this link](#).

Strategic Plan Update

The University has launched a refreshed strategic plan. [The Charlotte Difference: A Plan for National Distinction, 2026-2031](#) is a focused roadmap to accelerate the ongoing rise as a premier public urban research university

Professional Development Opportunities for Staff

Visit the Staff Council [website](#) for upcoming professional development events, resources and links.

Golden Nuggets

Congratulations to our Golden Nugget Winners! For a complete list of Golden Nugget winners or to nominate a colleague, please visit our [website](#).

Campus Connections

BE NINER READY

The Office of Emergency Management encourages you to Be NinerReady for any campus situation. Visit their [website](#) to access the university's operational status, check the weather, sign up for Niner Alerts and Niner Notices, and learn how to prepare yourself to be Niner Ready.

UNIVERSITY OMBUDS

If you're looking for a confidential and unbiased resource to address workplace challenges and conflicts, the University Ombuds team is ready to assist you! Visit our Ombuds [website](#) for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Environmental Health and Safety at Charlotte provides various opportunities for participation. Explore their [website](#) to discover a range of services, resources, education, and training options available!

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

Stay informed about campus incidents by regularly checking the [Police Log](#) — it's an essential resource for important updates!



Career by Design

Take charge of your professional journey with [Career by Design](#), UNC Charlotte's new cohort-based development program designed to empower staff to take a strategic, intentional approach to their career growth. Only 25 seats are available for the spring 2026 cohort, and they will go quickly; [register for Career by Design](#).

Rise to LEADership

Charlotte is offering an opportunity to grow current employees into future leaders through its new Rise to LEADership Certificate program. This cohort-based professional development series, led by the learning and organizational development team, invites employees seeking to learn foundational leadership skills and grow as peer leaders on campus. [Visit the HR website for more information](#).

Office of OneIT Events and Courses

Did you know that the Office of OneIT provides training classes for Google applications? If you're facing challenges with Google Sheets, Slides, or want to learn how to use Forms and more, they have a variety of courses available. To view the complete list of offerings and to register, be sure to check out their [website](#)!

Perks at Work

Human Resources has compiled a list of "Perks at Work" available for the UNC Charlotte Community. To keep informed about these benefits, you can [subscribe to receive email updates](#).

Campus Connections

THE ARTS AT CHARLOTTE

Do you enjoy the arts? The College of Arts + Architecture hosts an impressive array of performances, exhibitions, and college events. Check out their [events calendar](#), reserve your tickets, and stay informed about all the exciting happenings on campus!

BOTANICAL GARDENS

The mission of UNC Charlotte's Botanical Gardens is to inspire a love for plants and nature through programming, classes, and botanical displays. See what's coming on their [events calendar](#) and [sign up for news](#).

J. MURREY ATKINS LIBRARY - FACULTY AND STAFF

Atkins Library offers fantastic benefits for faculty and staff. Here are just a few:

- [Item Delivery](#)
- [Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery](#)
- [Exhibits and Projects](#)



Come on out for the 6th Annual Mighty Four Miler to Run (or Walk!) in Riley Howell's Honor

The race will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 7:45 a.m in downtown Waynesville, Frog Level.

After the race and the awards, head to Frog Level Brewing to enjoy Biscuits and Beer.

If you can't make it for the in-person event, we also have a virtual race option that you can register for. If you choose to participate virtually, you can run or walk four miles solo on race day, and you will receive a shirt, a medal, and some RHFF merch in the mail after the event.

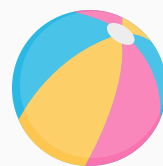


Registration proceeds will go directly to the [Riley Howell Foundation](#) Fund's operational costs so that we can continue to support organizations that benefit victims of gun violence.

Visit [this link](#) to learn more and to register for the race in-person or virtually!



HELLO SUMMER!



Campus Connections

49ER LAUNDRY

Staff members can utilize the on-campus dry cleaning service provided by [49er Laundry](#). You can drop off your dry cleaning or laundry at one of the laundry lockers, and your freshly cleaned garments will be returned by the next business day.

DINING SERVICES FIVE BLOCK FEAST

Staff can purchase five meals for \$40 for all-you-can-eat dining at SoVi and the renovated Social 704 during summer. This offers budget-friendly meals with colleagues, saving 35% compared to the regular lunch price of \$12.25. For more information, visit the [Auxiliary Services](#) website and check the Optional Dining Account link.

BOOKSTORE DISCOUNTS

[Barnes & Noble Charlotte](#), located in the Popp Martin Student Union, provides a 20% discount on all merchandise for faculty and staff presenting a university ID. This discount is available anytime, allowing you to grab some fantastic branded apparel and display your Niner pride! Additionally, once a year in the fall, typically on Reading Day in December, the discount rises to 30%—ideal for stocking up or doing your holiday shopping!