UNCCpark@uncc.edu
permit are $10/day. Light rail pass is added to the UNC ID card for faculty/staff and students. This is an all-access pass so it must be protected, and reported immediately if lost or stolen. There is a 24 hour delay in replacing lost or stolen cards.

- Validation scanners will be available on all light rail trains in the Fall. Until that time, faculty/staff and students should show their UNC Charlotte ID card.
- Group tickets are available with CATS. Cost is $4.40 round trip/person and can be purchased through CATS using a purchasing card (p-card).
- Niner Transit buses will operate 21 hours/day Monday-Friday, and 18 hours on weekends, with stops every 8 minutes.
- Safety: UNC Charlotte has increased the number of officers on campus, as well as the emergency blue light phones and security cameras at the main station on campus. The CRI station is patrolled by Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD).
  i. So far, the number one concern with the light rail is with pedestrians ignoring the crossing gates and walking under them when a train is in route. With trains moving 35-55 mph, this is a serious concern.
  ii. Riders are expected to follow the Rider Code of Conduct available at CATS website. The trains are in the CATS jurisdiction, and they can ticket for violations. More information is available at lightrail.uncc.edu.
- A ribbon cutting celebration is scheduled for February 26 @ 10 am, and is by invitation only. A campus-wide celebration is scheduled for March 16 @ 10 am. The opening of the light rail will be slow with celebratory stops along the route. The light rail will be fully-functioning on March 19, 2018.
- Doug responded to a concern about cars driving around buses when the buses are stopped and riders are departing the bus by explaining that UNC Charlotte is aware of this behavior and are asking everyone to be aware of stopped buses and riders crossing the street in front of the buses. He also explained that bus pull-offs have been added to multiple bus stops, and there are additional pull-offs being planned to help alleviate this problem.
- Doug commented that all safety/security concerns at the 9th Street and Center City light rails stations should be directed to Chief Baker.

IV. A motion was made by Audra Esposito to approve the January Minutes, and seconded by Ronnie Bell. Minutes approved.

V. Officer Reports:
   Penny Stevens, Chair:
   - Staff Assembly meeting is scheduled for March 28 & 29.
   - Currently, the campus IT department is transitioning from SHRA to EHRA designations for employees.

   Jill Gosnell, Treasurer:
   - State fund has $2,809.94 remaining and Discretionary has $4,830.96 remaining.

   Julia Martin, Communications Officer:
   - Golden Nugget – 42 awards for January in areas 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15A, 15B, 16, 17, and 18. Congratulations to all recipients. Julia encouraged everyone to use the Golden Nugget award program to show appreciation to deserving employees.

VI. Community Reports:
   - Education & Events: Melissa Roy and Kim Gray
     i. Committee met to plan the upcoming Chili Cook-off. Will have a follow-up meeting to discuss the event and a possible summer event.
     ii. The Chili Cook-Off set up time has been changed from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Five judges will arrive at 11. Contestants can set up their tables and drop off the entries at 9:45-10:45 am. There are 9 contestants.
     iii. Participants will begin arriving at 11 am. A raffle, and a “Fan Favorite” voting box will be available. Jim Kay will be making chili for all participants.
     iv. Volunteers are still needed. All volunteers should wear their Staff Council shirts.
     v. All information regarding the Chili Cook-Off is on the Staff Council website.

   - Staff Relations/Current Issues: Frank Hogan and Carolyn Lewis
     i. An issue regarding parking in handicapped spaces in front of Colvard was raised at the January Staff Council meeting. Frank walked the entire lot in that area and confirmed that there are six handicapped spaced available. On that day, 5 cars were parked with handicapped hang-tags, and one car did not have a
hang-tag. Frank contacted campus policy to handle the issue. Violator left before police arrived. Campus police has had a much more visible presence in that area since then so violators know that police are monitoring the situation.

ii. Frank will work on the concern raised at the January meeting regarding Safe Ride. Katherine Humphries commented that BES staff come in at 5:00 am when it’s still dark outside, and need a safe way of getting to their assigned location. A suggestion was made for Frank to communicate with Helena Connors for information.

iii. Frank also reported that currently UNC Chapel Hill has a tuition waiver program for families of employees. Penny commented that Staff Assembly is looking into this for UNC Charlotte and other institutions.

VII. New Business:

- Bernadette commented at the January meeting that there needs to be some campus-wide notification of staff members that pass away. After further discussion, it was determined that individual departments are responsible for notifying Human Resources, and that the announcement comes from Shawn Langley in Student Affairs. Penny commented that there is an annual event in April that recognizes all faculty, staff and students who have passed during the year. Penny will locate that information and forward to all SC members.

A motion was made by LaTonya Miller to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Frank Hogan. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

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Pam Erickson, Secretary                    Date of approval