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FACULTY SENATE

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Chairman President H. C. Bailey	Vice Chairman Vice President L. Levy	Executive Secretary Dr. R. Hull	Parliamentarian Dr J. Wheeler
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Minutes of October 19, 2000

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. in the University Center Little Theater. Members present were:

H. C. Bailey, President and Chair
L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs
R. Hull, Executive Secretary

Ex-Officio Senators:

R. Mast L. Milbrandt
M. Corbitt T. Reed
M. Reichenbach E. Clark
G. Gaumond

College of the Arts:

F. Barnas J. Hornsby
M. Savoie C. Coons
T. Harding D. Farwell (proxy T. Harding)

College of Arts and Sciences:

B. Bergstrom T. Manning
J. Elza B. Derrick (proxy J. Elza)
M. Laughlin J. Petrella
D. Robinson V. Soady
T. Thompson T. Meyers
D. Bogyo E. Sheeley (proxy D. Bogyo)

L. Hanes A. Lazari
D. Sewell M. Smith
C. Walker H. Harper
J. Hiers S. Seyfarth

College of Business Administration:

M. Holland P. Fadil
B. Caster

College of Education:

L. Carter S. Harvill (proxy L. Moore)
G. Langford L. Moore
F. Smith R. McClung (proxy M. Garber)
M. Garber L. Wiley
C. Backes B. Gerber (proxy A. Brovey)
A. Brovey A. Gibbs (proxy C. Backes)
K. Wells M. Venn (proxy F. Smith)

College of Nursing:

L. Marinelli D. Roush (proxy D. Ebron)
D. Ebron

Division of Social Work:

M. Meacham

Odum Library:

K. Smith S. Thomas

Visitors:

B. O'hara, G. Wright, D. Boyd

COSA:

P. Rozier

Members absent were:

J. Wheeler	J. Brignati	R. Devery	K. Stanley
P. Allen	N. Argyle	P. Cleveland	P. McNeill
C. Johnson	B. Adler	S. Goel	J. Wilkinson
C. Superville	A. Reddy	A. Recesso	J. Hummell

1. H. Bailey called the meeting to order and read the proxies.
2. **Approval of the September 19, 2000 Senate Minutes** – R. Hull stated that B. Derrick requested that the minutes indicate that the e-core review would be reported back to the Senate before any action was taken. **The minutes were approved as corrected.**
3. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.
4. New Business
 - a. Report from the Academic Committee – L. Levy stated that the Committee did not meet in September and therefore, has no report. They will approve the October minutes at the next committee meeting. He stated that several individuals have agreed to serve on an E-core Review Committee: Jane Kinney, Tayloe Harding and Kathy Lowney.
 - b. Report from the Committee on Committees – S. Thomas stated that the Committee recommends that P. Cleveland be re-elected to the Committee on Committees. **This recommendation was approved.**
 - c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – M. Smith stated that the IPC met on October 16, 2000 to discuss the Program Review Document. The committee decided to monitor the use of the document this year while trying it on three different programs. They will make amendments to it after they see how it works. The committee welcomes any information or suggestions from department heads that will make for a stronger document next year.
 - d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – B. Caster stated that the committee met on October 16, 2000. They are continuing to work on the items that have been remanded to them and will have a report at the November Senate meeting.
 - e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – B. Adler was absent. D. Bogyo stated that there was no report.
 - f. Report from the Educational Policies Committee – C. Coons referred to Attachment #1 and stated that the committee asked for a change in the dress code policy. The committee recommends that no university-wide dress code policy be adopted and that policies on in class dress codes be addressed at the college level when they involve curricular issues. These may include health and safety issues, specific class assignments or presentations, or classes that involve certain professional attire. Nothing in the committee’s statement is intended to limit an instructor’s right to establish reasonable dress codes, as long as they are clearly stated in course syllabi. H. Bailey asked if this report required action by the Senate. J. Elza stated that the Senate is making policy by stating that there is no policy. D. Bogyo suggested that because there is no university-wide dress code, this would require no action. R. Hull stated that professors currently have a choice on establishing a dress code as long as it is stated in the syllabi. J. Elza made a motion to approve the written committee report. V. Soady suggested that the Senate remand the issue back to the committee for a clearer statement on the committee’s recommendations. C. Backes stated that the issue should be recognized as personal preference rather than as a curricular issue. **With a show of hands, 26 in favor and 18 opposed, J. Elza’s motion was approved.** C. Coons stated that

the Educational Policies Committee had no recommended changes to the Academic Dishonesty policy.

g. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary – Dr. Robert Hull

1. R. Hull stated that the following issues were remanded to the Faculty Affairs Committee: to investigate the procedures involved in the prepaid policy for travel for faculty for the issuance of funds for approve travel prior to the event; to investigate with Palms Dining Hall the possible establishment of a faculty dining room; to investigate the Part-Time Faculty Handbook draft by L. Levy.
2. R. Hull stated that the Executive Committee remanded to the Technology Committee a request that a mechanism be established so that the Faculty Handbook be kept up to date and immediately available on the web.
3. R. Hull stated that the recommended University statement on disruptive behavior was remanded back to the Educational Policies Committee with the suggestion that it include Students Affairs Committee for student feedback in reviewing this statement.
4. R. Hull stated that a proposed schedule for undergraduate daytime and evening classes which would permit the blocking of part-time evening students classes was remanded to the Academic Calendar and Procedures Committee.
5. R. Hull stated that the questions submitted by B. Bergstrom at the September Senate meeting have been referred to the Environmental Issues Committee for discussion with Dr. Bailey and Mr. Brignati and that they are being pursued. This was a correction to the agenda.
6. R. Hull stated that the charging of student activity fees for online courses has been referred to the Board of Regents.

5. General Discussion

H. Bailey stated that the new Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Financial Affairs was on campus last week. Dr. Bailey did discuss the issue of the student activity fees for online courses and it is anticipated that this policy will be changed at the April meeting of the Board of Regents.

H. Bailey stated that J. Brignati had asked the questions of the GSFIC that were presented by B. Bergstrom and has not received a reply. J. Brignati and H. Bailey will discuss this issue with the committee as soon as a reply is received. B. Bergstrom stated that the answers to the questions should be reported back to the Faculty Senate, as they were brought up as Senate issues. B. Bergstrom asked H. Bailey why the change order that was issued prior to trees being cut down on March 30, 1999 was not mentioned at the April Senate meeting during the tree discussion. H. Bailey stated that he had instructed Monty Griffin that no tree, dead or alive, on campus should be cut down without Dr. Bailey's approval. He stated that he is trying hard to work with the committee to avoid unnecessarily cutting down trees. B. Bergstrom expressed his appreciation for Mr. Griffin's efforts to contact him when the need has arisen to cut down dead trees; however, two live trees were cut down without the committee's permission. H. Bailey stated that his desire is to save as many trees as possible consistent with the development of the VSU campus. R. Hull stated that B. Derrick had written a memorandum and asked that it be read into the record. **It is included herein as Attachment #1**[VSUgovernance.pdf](#). L. Touchton asked H. Bailey about the trees that were cut on campus last spring and said that she had documentation indicating that the administration knew ahead of time that they were to be cut down.

After much discussion, the meeting was adjourned.