



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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 March 15, 2001

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
L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs
D. Farwell, Acting Parliamentarian
R. Hull, Executive Secretary

Ex-Officio Senators:

J. Brignati	R. Mast
R. Devery	L. Milbrandt (absent)
M.K. Corbitt	T. Reed
K. Stanley (proxy M. Holland)	M.A. Reichenbach
E. Clark	P. Allen
G. Gaumont (proxy E. Clark)	N. Argyle
P. Cleveland	

College of the Arts:

F. Barnas	J. Hornsby
M. Savoie	C. Coons
P. McNeill (absent)	T. Harding (absent)
J. Wheeler (proxy M. Savoie)	

College of Arts and Sciences:

T. Manning (proxy R. Hull)	B. Bergstrom	B. Derrick	J. Elza
C. Johnson	M. Laughlin	J. Petrella (absent)	D. Robinson
E. Sheeley	V. Soady (proxy J. Elza)	T. Thompson	S. Goel
L. Hanes (proxy B. Adler)	T. Meyers	D. Bogyo	A. Lazari
D. Sewell (proxy T. Thompson)	C. Walker	B. Adler	J. Hiers
M. Smith (proxy M. Laughlin)	S. Seyfarth	J. Wilkinson (absent)	

College of Business Administration:

C. Superville (proxy B. Caster)	M. Holland	B. Caster	A. Reddy
P. Fadil (proxy A. Reddy)			

College of Education:

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

College of Nursing:

L. Marinelli	D. Ebron	D. Weaver
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Division of Social Work:

M. Meacham

Odum Library:

S. Thomas (proxy K. Smith)

K. Smith

Visitors:

J. Wright, B. O'Hara, P. Rozier, B. Paulk

It should be noted that due to technical difficulties, there was no audio recording of the Senate meeting. The minutes that follow are from the knowledge of the Secretary and Executive Secretary.

1. Call to Order – H. Bailey called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of the February 15, 2001 Senate minutes** – R. Hull referred to Attachment #1 and stated that it is included as an addendum to the minutes. **The minutes were approved.**
3. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.
4. New Business:
 1. Report from the Academic Affairs Committee – L. Levy referred to the minutes of the December 11, 2000 and January 8, 2001 meetings. **The minutes were approved.**
 2. Report from the Committee on Committees – A committee representative stated that the ballots for the Grievance Committee would be mailed out and asked that faculty return them as soon as possible.
 3. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – C. Backes gave the report on behalf of M. Smith. He referred to the Program Review document and asked for approval. **After some discussion, the document was approved.**
 4. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – B. Caster stated that there was no report.
 5. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – B. Adler stated that there was no report.
 6. Report from the Executive Secretary
 - a. R. Hull stated that the Student Services Committee recommended that no action be taken regarding obtaining information from the infirmary and that the determination of bulletin usage would remain with the Facilities Use Committee. They also indicated that no further action will be taken on the Homecoming issue, as other committees have taken action or are responsible for these issues.
 - b. **Report from the Nominating Committee for the Executive Secretary position** – J. Hummel reported on behalf of the committee. He stated that the nominees were Robert Hull and Kelly Wells. The floor was opened for other nominations. D. Robinson stated that David Boyd had been elected to another term on the Senate and had agreed to be nominated for the position. She asked that he be added to the nominees. In keeping with the bylaws, the Senate voted by secret ballot. The vote was tied, with Robert Hull and David Boyd receiving the same number of votes. After taking another ballot, it was announced that Robert Hull received 36 votes and David Boyd received 31.
 - c. Report from the Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee – M. Garber referred to the proposed schedule for core evening courses and recommended that the Senate adopt it. She deferred questions to Walter Peacock. M. Holland spoke against the proposed schedule,

stating that a popular time for students taking courses at North Campus is 5:00 p.m. and that the proposed schedule would create scheduling problems within the College of Business. M Venn indicated that it would be a problem for the Special Education department in terms of hiring part-time faculty to come in that late at night. Others spoke to the lateness of these classes as being a hazard for female students. L. Levy spoke in favor of it and then proposed that the schedule only cover the Core areas A-E and that it would be a trial period in the Spring of 2002. This friendly amendment was accepted. **The proposed schedule for core evening courses A through E was approved.**

- d. Report from the Technology Committee – R. Hull referred to the committee report for information purposes.
- e. Report from the Graduation and Special Events Subcommittee – R. Hull referred the Senate to the report, stating that it outlines the subcommittee's membership and functions.
- f. Report from the Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee – Included herein as Attachment #1.

Report from the Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee – Included herein as Attachment #2. The committee put forth two recommendations. One was a motion for a change of Honors Day as contained in the attachment. After discussion concerning the standing of each honor winner and not having a College Honors day the motion passed. A second motion for Honors Day only being for University Honors while departmental and College honors be held at individual College Honor s Days. A Lazari spoke against this Honor's day was meant for all honors and how difficult it might be with different days for different colleges for parents to attend if they had family in different colleges. F. Smith indicated that this was only being proposed to cut down on the time at Honors Day which has run over the time allotted for the past couple of years. She also stated that many of those in attendance left before it conclusion. It was suggested by J. Elza that this Honor's Day be a trial to exam for next year. After considerable discussion the motion was defeated.

Report from the Athletics Committee – A. Lazari stated that the committee had no report.

Report from the Educational Policies Committee – C. Coons gave the committee's annual report..

Report from the Environmental Issues Committee – Included herein as Attachment #3.

- g. Report from the Educational Policies Committee – C. Coons referred to the committee's report and recommended that the attendance policy be changed to be in agreement with NCAA guidelines. **The change in attendance policy was approved.**
- h. R. Hull stated that several issues from SGA have been remanded to the Educational Policies Committee. These issues include publishing all student surveys and forming a student/faculty/staff Grievance Committee.
- i. R. Hull stated that a request that retired faculty members be given free or reduced parking fees was remanded to the Parking and Usage Subcommittee of the Environmental Issues Committee.
- j. R. Hull referred to a report from Russ Mast regarding the issues raised with the Homecoming parade. His report stated that volunteers are always welcome to participate and that the committee will continue to look at ways to make continuous improvements to Homecoming activities.

At this point H. Bailey excused himself from the Senate meeting as discussion was turning to discussion the Presidential search. H. Bailey turned the proceedings to L. Levy.

k. R. Hull stated that the Executive Committee recommended a motion to reconsider the resolution of extending to the final five presidential candidates an invitation to campus to visit with faculty, staff and students. This would mean the Senate would not be extending invitations to the final five presidential candidates. B. Caster spoke in favor of the motion, stating that it was originally approved by the Senate without knowledge of the violation of State policy. J. Hummel spoke in favor of the motion, stating that the Senate should formally apologize to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents. J. Elza stated that the Chancellor's response to the Senate's action was unexpected and a very serious overreaction.. She asked that the Senate continue to pursue the Board of Regents so that the invitations can be extended to the five final presidential candidates. B. Bergstrom stated that the Senate was within its' bounds in extending the invitations. B. Derrick indicated that AAUP was interested in this situation and would be watching the outcome and would perhaps pursue it further. The Senate voted by secret ballot in favor of the Executive Committee's motion. There were 39 in favor of it and 14 against it.

7. General Discussion - There was no general discussion.

8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Note: Because there was no tape recording of the meeting, these minutes were produced from knowledge of the secretary and Executive Secretary.