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Memorandum

To Ronald M. Zaccari, President
From David Boyd, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate
Date July 31, 2003
Subject 2003 Annual Report of the Faculty Senate

In each Senate meeting of the academic year 2002-2003, the minutes of the previous Senate meeting and the minutes of the Academic Committee were presented and approved, with no more than minor corrections. In addition, there were several major items presented for discussion to the Senate. The following is presented as a summary of those major activities of the Faculty Senate during the academic year 2002-2003:

1. Passed Resolutions specifying which faculty members are eligible to be elected Senators, and which faculty are eligible to vote in Senate elections.
2. Approved the Faculty Senate Absentee Policy, and amended the Faculty Senate Bylaws to include this policy.
3. Elected Ed Sheeley to be the Senate's representative on the newly formed University Planning advisory Committee.
4. Appointed an *ad hoc* committee on Commencement.
5. Approved for the 2004-2005 Academic Calendar. This calendar was developed and presented by the Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee.
6. Approved the guidelines for Merit Pay increases as developed by the Faculty Affairs Committee.
7. Moved the Summer Senate meeting to May instead of June. This was one of the better-attended Summer Senate meetings in several years.

There was significant discussion on several items, which did not result in formal action by the

Senate. Some of these, however, brought positive changes on the campus. These items are listed here:

1. An effort has begun to synchronize the clocks on campus. Jim Black has been working with Plant Operations to explore ways to accomplish this. A few atomic clocks have been purchased and placed at strategic locations around campus to see how well they perform.
2. The procedure for reimbursing faculty and students per diem-type uses has been streamlined.
3. Jim Black presented information regarding energy management on campus.
4. The closing of the VSU Child Care Center, a presentation by some of the parents involved.

The actions of the Faculty Senate during the academic year 2002-2003 are indicative of the value of the *system of self-governance* prologue to the Mission Statement of the Valdosta State University.

The Faculty Senate convened seven times during the academic year 2002-2003. The summer meeting was held on May 15, 2003 instead of its previously scheduled date, June 19, 2003. It is evident that many of the Senate committees were very active. Many of them have items that have been remanded to them, which they should address during the academic year 2003-2004. The Standing Committees worked on updating their bylaws, and on items remanded to them. Some of these committees have standing assignments, which they work on each year. Each Standing Committee has published its own annual report. These annual reports were published with the minutes of the March 2003, April 2003, and May 2003 Faculty Senate meetings as cross-referenced in the table below:

Committee Annual Report	Committee Chairman	Location in minutes
Academic Honors and Scholarships	Jane Kinney	March 20, 2003
Academic Scheduling and Procedures	Ken Rumstay	March 20, 2003
Athletics	Deb Briil	March 20, 2003
Educational Policies	Steven Childs	April 17, 2003
Environmental Issues	Deborah Robinson	March 20, 2003
Faculty Development and Research	Allen Reddy	May 15, 2003
Library Affairs	Dianne Judd	April 17, 2003
Minority and Diversity Affairs	LaGary Carter	April 17, 2003
Student Activities	Viki Soady	April 17, 2003
Student Services	Martha Laughlin	April 17, 2003
Technology	Ken Smith	April 17, 2003

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