

**VSU Faculty Affairs Committee  
Minutes of Meeting**

<b>Date:</b> 11/10/2015	<b>Place:</b> Dewar COEHS, room 2050	<b>Chair:</b> Alicja Rieger, Ph.D.
<b>Attending:</b> Alicja Rieger, Lee Grimes, Katharine Adams, Hasson Tavossi, Harold Thiele, Laura Carter		
<b>Absent:</b> John Gheesling		
<b>Excused:</b> Nancy Swanson, Eric Howington		

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
I. Welcome a. Establish Quorum	Quorum attained at 9:10am	Called to order at 9:10am	A. Rieger
II. Minutes a. Review and amend (if needed) minutes from October 20, 2015  b. Approve minutes from October 20, 2015	Minutes from October 20, 2015 meeting circulated and reviewed.	Strike the word “ <b>Agenda</b> ” from the minutes.  Minutes unanimously approved with above change.	A. Rieger  Committee
III. Business a. Final revisions and/or additions to Sick Leave statement.  b. Work on academic freedom (comparison chart)	Reviewed the Sick Leave statement prepared for the Faculty Senate. Suggested the following change: “New faculty are encouraged to carefully consider the two available retirement options, <i>within the 60 day review period from the date of hire.</i> ”  The committee split into three work groups to look at the first three topics in the Academic Freedom comparison chart previously prepared by A. Rieger. K. Adams & L. Grimes worked on “Academic Freedom statement/definition/language” A. Rieger & H. Tavossi worked on “Safeguarding & protecting academic freedom by Tenure and Promotion Procedures”	Sick Leave statement unanimously approved with the noted change.  Work groups to crosswalk the language from VSU, AAUP, & BOR/others as it relates to their topic. Groups to send completed sections to A. Rieger for compilation.  Committee to work on other topics in the comparison chart at future meetings.	Committee  Work groups as assigned.  Committee

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c. Scheduling next Faculty Affairs Committee meeting	<p>H. Thiele &amp; L. Carter worked on “Safeguarding &amp; protecting academic freedom by Academic Code of Professional Ethics”</p> <p>Discussed the need to meet again this year to continue work on the comparison chart.</p>	Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 9am.	Committee
IV. Announcement	The next Faculty Senate meeting is 19 November, 2015 @ 3:30pm in the University Center Magnolia Room		
V. Adjournment	Discussion of committee business for November 2015 meeting concluded at this time.	Meeting Adjourned a10:10am	A. Rieger

Respectfully submitted:

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 November 10, 2015

These minutes were approved at the 12/1/15 meeting of the committee.