



FACULTY SENATE
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Peggy Moch
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**Vice President/
President Elect**

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Secretary

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Parliamentarian

Michael Noll
Past President

Minutes
March 24, 2016, 3:30 pm
University Center Cypress Room

Items in **bold print** are items that require action by the Faculty Senate. Other items are for information only.

Special Request: At the request of the Senate's Executive Committee, any actions sent to the President for possible inclusion in the Senate agenda should be accompanied by a written document with the rationale and purpose of the decision. The Executive Committee requests that these documents be submitted via email as Word.doc attachments.

For the benefit of record keeping, we ask that senators and visitors please identify themselves when speaking to an issue during the meeting. Please use the microphones to assist with accurate recording. All senators must sign the roster in order to be counted present. If you have a senator's proxy, please place their name tag beside your name tag on the table in front of you.

1. Call to Order – Peggy Moch

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM

- a. Update on non-renewal individuals:
 - i. 6 faculty have used \$8122.76 for travel from the support fund as of 2/11/2016
 - ii. 2 staff were able to be relocated to new positions within VSU
 - iii. 3 non-renewal letters have been rescinded
- b. USG Faculty Council will be hosted by VSU and attended by the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor on 4/15/2016
- c. Election of new Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Parliamentarian for 2016-2017 – notice of need for nominations are to be made at the March 2016 meeting and the election will be held at the April 2016 meeting per the FS Bylaws
- d. All statutory and standing committee end of year reports for 2015-2016 are due to the FS President no later than April 30, 2016.
- e. Moment of silence for Betty Derrick, retired faculty member of VSU.

2. Approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php> (See link here for minutes for all faculty senate meetings).

A motion was made to approve the minutes and it was seconded. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Reading of proxies obtained prior to the meeting; Request additional proxies for those not given from Senators in attendance – Sudip Chakraborty.

The following were the proxies: Kalina Winska for Karl Paoletti, Diane Wright for Fred Knowles, Arsalan Wares for Krishnendu Roy, Michelle Ocasio for Karen Acosta, Fleming Bell for Victoria Russell, Rebecca Gaskins for Maren Clegg-Hyer, Eric Howington for Luis Gonzalez, Shaunita Strozier for Nancy Sartin, Rudo Tsemunhu for Lucia Lu, and Catherine Bowers for Mike Holt.

Note: Please send an email to Sudip Chakraborty (schakraborty@valdosta.edu) regarding proxies a minimum of one (1) week prior to the scheduled Faculty Senate meeting or as soon as possible if an unexpected absence needs to occur.

3. Interim VSU President, Dr. Cecil Staton: VSU Updates

Dr. Staton could not attend the meeting and Dr. Brian Gerber answered questions from senators. A senator raised a question whether there was any change in the current credit-hour and contact-hour models for faculty load. Dr. Gerber stated that the current model would be followed for Fall 2016.

Another concern was raised related to the status of reassigned time. A senator wondered whether faculty should stop research as there would be no reassign time unless it was a ground-breaking research. Dr. Gerber asserted that faculty should not stop doing research. There was no such instruction given to the Deans. However, he mentioned we need to be cautious about reassigned time as the BOR requires reports about it now. All units across campus should use the same form that is currently under review by the Faculty Affairs Committee. It was also mentioned that another committee was being formed to look into faculty load.

Three questions related to faculty attending graduation ceremonies were asked. They were: Must faculty attend graduation? Should faculty wear regalia? Are faculty required to attend all of the ceremonies? Dr. Gerber, consulting with Dr. Gravett, answered that faculty were encouraged to attend as many ceremonies as they can, but it was not a must. Wearing regalia was recommended, but faculty may attend graduation without regalia.

4. Old & Unfinished Business

a. Statutory Committee Reports

i. Academic Committee – Sheri Gravett; Report located at

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>

Dr. Gravett stated the minutes were available online. She mentioned that BFA in Communication Art will be changed to BFA in Public Communication and approval was pending. There were no questions during discussion and the changes were accepted unanimously with one abstention.

ii. Committee on Committees – Kalina Winska: Progress on assignments?

The committee met on March 23 and revised their bylaws. CoCo was working on assigning seats to standing committees. There were two vacancies on CoCo (COBA and OL representatives). Catherine Bowers was nominated to represent OL on CoCo. There were no other nominations. Motion to accept Catherine Bowers to represent Odum Library on CoCo was made and Ms. Bowers was elected by acclamation. Andy Ostapski was nominated to represent the College of Business Administration on CoCo. He was elected by acclamation with one abstention (himself). Marty Williams was nominated to be the Chair of the Faculty Grievance Committee for 2016-17. There were no other nominations. He was elected by acclamation.

iii. Faculty Affairs – Alicja Rieger: Progress on assignments?

The committee met on March 2. They had no further report.

iv. Faculty Grievance Committee – Patti Campbell: Any report?

The committee met on March 9 and a hearing request was accepted.

v. Institutional Planning Committee – Donald Thieme: Any report?

No report.

- b. Meeting minutes from the various committees should be sent to FS Secretary (Sudip Chakraborty (schakraborty@valdosta.edu)) to be uploaded to the Faculty Senate website **AND** to the library (archives@valdosta.edu) with “Archives Faculty Senate Papers” in the subject line. Minutes from 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 meetings from the various committees should be sent so these documents can be archived properly. Please label minutes documents as shown in the following examples:
 - i. Technology_Minutes_04-29-2015
 - ii. Academic_Honors_and_Scholarship_Minutes_08-28-2015
 Thank you for your assistance in getting and keeping our records up to date. ☺
- c. Work is continuing on the updating of the VSU Statutes. The proposed statutes are under review by the Vice Presidents and the University Attorney. Senate leadership has respectfully requested a proposed completion date.

5. New Business

- a. Standing Committee Reports: No reports received
 - i. Academic Honors & Scholarships – Han Chen
 - ii. Environmental Issues – Arsalan Wares
 - iii. Educational Policies – Jacob M. Jewusiak
 - iv. Faculty Scholarship – Maura Schlairet – Received Bylaws
 - v. Library Affairs – Michelle Ann Ocasio
 - vi. Internationalization and Globalization Committee – Fleming Bell
 - vii. Diversity and Equity – Karen Acosta
 - viii. Student Affairs – Kelly Davidson Devall
 - ix. Technology Committee – Mike Holt
- b. Academic Scheduling & Procedures – Katharine Lamb: Columbus Day removed from VSU calendar.
The committee has been working to make it consistent throughout all university calendars.
- c. Athletic Committee – Peggy Moch: FAR recommendation forwarded to Provost.
A list of applicants was forwarded to the Provost’s office with ranking by the committee and David Kuhlmeier was approved by the Provost.
- d. **Propose to amend the senate meeting schedule so that the May meeting is simply an online compilation of end of the year reports from each statutory and standing committee submitted to the FS President by the end of April.**
A motion was made and was seconded. Only question raised was whether this change would continue every year. Dr. Moch answered that there can be variations as the schedule is made by the Faculty Senate President. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Resolution Against Firearms on Campus (Attachment A).**
A motion was made to approve the resolution and it was seconded. It was asked where this resolution could go. Dr. Moch thought it could be published on Faculty Senate Webpage and could probably be shared with the Chancellor. She iterated that individuals should contact the Governor’s office to express their opinion as they count how many are in favor/against. The motion carried with two abstentions.
- f. Elections for 1) President-Elect/Vice President, 2) Secretary, and 3) Parliamentarian will be held at the April meeting. SOMEONE has to step up and do each of these jobs. Please let the CoCo Chair, Kalina Winska, know if you are interested in serving on the FS Executive Committee for any of the seats available.

Dr. Moch reminded the senators to bring nominations to the next faculty senate meeting.

6. General Discussion

A senator suggested an open discussion on the issue of clarity in faculty work load assignment process. Several senators exchanged opinions.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Sudip Chakraborty

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

RESOLUTION

(APRIL 2012, MARCH 2016)

A STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONCEALED CARRY OF FIREARMS ON CAMPUS

- WHEREAS, universities are unique environments that function as institutions of higher learning with a clearly stated purpose to promote and facilitate the discovery, application and dissemination of knowledge and
- WHEREAS, allowing concealed carry permit holders to bring firearms on university grounds or into classrooms threatens the progress of education and the expression of ideas by imposing lethal weaponry within a place that harbors vigorous and often heated academic discussion and
- WHEREAS, scientific research suggests human cognitive risk assessment capabilities are not fully developed before the age of twenty-five years-old, thus predisposing the majority population of college students to impaired judgment and vulnerabilities not equally represented in the population at large and
- WHEREAS, Georgia educational and law enforcement professionals believe that prohibiting firearms on college campuses, except by campus police and trained security officers, is an essential element of those schools' safety plans and
- WHEREAS, lawfully sanctioned concealed carry of firearms shifts the responsibility of protecting lives from the university police department to private individuals who lack sufficient proper training and
- WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia administration, faculty, student groups and law enforcement have repeatedly opposed measures allowing firearms on campus and
- RECOGNIZING, legislation requiring the university to adopt policies that allow the concealed carry of firearms on university grounds will impose additional monetary responsibilities, which are not met by state funding, and will likely be paid through increased tuition and fees and
- WHEREAS, no provisions have been made for the safe storage of firearms in resident halls or classrooms, nor have administrative or disciplinary policies been drafted regarding theft, accidental discharge, unintentional shootings or the likely increase of firearm use while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and
- WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of Valdosta State University is responsible for being a voice for students, faculty, staff and administration personnel on issues relating to campus safety and general well being and

WHEREAS, all students, faculty, staff and administration personnel at VSU have the right to learn and work in a safe environment free from concealed firearms and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Valdosta State University opposes any bill put forth by the State of Georgia that could prohibit universities and community colleges from banning the carrying of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on the grounds and in any building of universities and community colleges in the State of Georgia.

Date: 03/24/2016

Faculty Senate Attendance: Please initial to the right of your name. If you are a proxy for someone, write proxy to the right of their name.

College of the Arts	Initials
Abigail Heuss	X
Karl Wildman	X
Karl Paoletti	Proxy
Sarah Arnett	X
Kalina Winska	X
Shannon Lowe	X
Tommy Crane	X
Linda Jurczak	

College of Arts and Sciences	Initials
Ligia Focsan	
Marty Williams	X
Fred Knowles	Proxy
Krishnendu Roy	Proxy
Dereth Drake	X
John Crowley	X
Ubaraj Katawal	X
Brian Ring	X
Rebecca Gaskins	X
Michael Noll	X
Peggy Moch	X
Michael Meacham	
Fleming Bell	X
Kelly Davidson Devall	
Karen Acosta	Proxy
Donald Thieme	X
Arsalan Wares	X
Michelle Ann Ocasio	X
Victoria Russell	Proxy
Maren Clegg-Hyer	Proxy
Jacob M. Jewusiak	X
Theresa J. Grove	X
Sudip Chakraborty	X
VACANT	
Grazyna H. Walczak	
Marc G. Pufong	

College of Business Administration	Initials
Luis Gonzalez	Proxy
Eric Howington	X
David Kuhlmeier	
S. Andrew "Andy" Ostapski	X
Gary Futrell	X

Executive Committee	Initials
Sean Lennon	X

College of Education & Human Services	Initials
Sonya Sanderson	
Shaunita Strozier	X
Regina Suriel	X
Nancy Sartin	Proxy
David Bruno	X
Debbie Paine	X
Han Chen	X
Patti Campbell	X
Katherine Lamb	
Alicja Rieger	X
Lucia Lu	Proxy
Katharine Adams	
Rudo Tsemunhu	X
Diane Wright	X

College of Nursing & Health Sciences	Initials
Michelle Ritter	X
Serina McEntire	X
Stacey Walters	X
Maura Schlairet	X

Odum Library	Initials
Catherine Bowers	X
Mike Holt	Proxy
Colette Drouillard	

Retirees Association Representative	Initials
Fred Ware	X

Council on Staff Affairs (non-voting):	Initials
Keith Warburg, COSA Chair	

Student Senators (non-voting)	Initials
David L. Burdette, SGA President	

Visitors:	Initials
Sheri Gravett	X
Angela Uyeno	X
James Archibald	X
Antonio Austin	X
Terrance Rhodes	X
Carmen Guess	X
Noor Malak	X
Jake Underwood	X
Gabe Faisbie	X
Meghan Belangar	X
Angel Maxwell	X
And many others...	