



FACULTY SENATE
Est. 1991

Peggy Moch
President

Vacant
Vice President/
President Elect

Vacant
Secretary

Sean Lennon
Parliamentarian

Michael Noll
Past President

Minutes
September 17, 2015, 3:30 pm
University Center Magnolia 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 a 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 3:30 PM.
 2. **Approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate.**
<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php> (See link here for minutes for all faculty senate meetings).
Minutes were approved unanimously; A friendly amendment was made to correct the name of the Diversity and Minority Committee to the Diversity and Equity Committee on page 4 and insert "was" in page 12.
 3. Reading of proxies obtained prior to the meeting; Request additional proxies for those not given from Senators in attendance – Sean Lennon.
Proxies were as follows: Karl Wildman proxy for Sarah Arnett, Sudip Chakraborty proxy for Arsalan Wares, Alicja Rieger proxy for Katherine Adams, Shaunita Strozier proxy for Lucia Lu, Michelle Ocasio proxy for Karen Acosta, Katherine Bowers proxy for Colette Drouillard, Grazyna Walczak proxy for Victoria Russell, Luis Gonzalez proxy for Eric Howington, and David Kuhlmeier proxy for Gary Futrell.
- Note:** Please send an email to Peggy Moch (plmoch@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.
4. Interim VSU President, Dr. Cecil Staton: VSU Updates
Dr. Staton was at another USG function and unable to attend; Dr. Brian Gerber, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs spoke in his place; discussed the 70/80 initiative for retention, Café Innovate (1st meeting) where 38 faculty members attended and Dual Enrollment. Senator John Dunn asked follow up questions or concerns also addressed by Dr. Gerber as options to consider.

5. Introduction of New Senators

- a. College of Education and Human Services: Sonya Sanderson
- b. College of Education and Human Services: Shaunita Strozier
- c. College of Education and Human Services: Regina Suriel
- d. College of Education and Human Services: Nancy Sartin
- e. College of Education and Human Services: David Bruno
- f. College of Education and Human Services: Debbie Paine
- g. College of Education and Human Services: Han Chen
- h. College of Education and Human Services: Patti Campbell
- i. College of Education and Human Services: Lucia Lu

6. 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. Sheri Gravette reported the minutes were not ready but would be posted to the website soon.

- ii. **Committee on Committees** – Kalina Winska: Progress on CoCo assignments; COEHS and COAS CoCo elections

Dr. Winska held elections for CoCo seats: COEHS: Dr. Debbie Paine was nominated and elected by acclamation; COAS: Dr. Dereth Drake was nominated and elected by acclamation.

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

Dr. Rieger had no report.

- iv. Faculty Grievance Committee – John Dunn

Dr. Dunn had no report.

- v. Institutional Planning Committee – Donald Thieme: Progress on assignments?

Dr. Thieme had no report.

- vi. Work will continue on the updating of the VSU Statutes with representation from the Provost's Office, Faculty Senate, and the Council on Staff Affairs.

Dr. Noll reported the substantive work of the committee was completed and the document was currently under review by the Provost and Vice Presidents.

- vii. Special Committees reports

- 1. Form Special Committee to Update and Improve VSU faculty handbook.

- 2. **Request for volunteers to serve on this special committee.**

Dr. Moch called for volunteers to serve on a special committee for the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Fred Knowles, COAS, Dr. Tommy Crane, COA, and Dr. Luis Gonzalez, COBA, volunteered to work on the committee. They will work with Dr. Winska in CoCo to recruit additional members, one each from the different units, to populate the committee.

7. New Business

Request for bylaws from Statutory and Standing Committees for the faculty senate website. Send to Peggy L. Moch plmoch@valdosta.edu by October 1, 2015 by 11:55 pm. If you have no changes, be sure to send an email stating such prior to the deadline.

a. Standing Committee Reports: No reports received

- i. Academic Scheduling & Procedures – Katharine Lamb
- ii. Academic Honors & Scholarships – Michael Meacham
- iii. Athletics – Peggy L Moch

- iv. Educational Policies – Jacob M. Jewusiak
- v. Environmental Issues – Arsalan Wares
- vi. Faculty Scholarship & Research – Maura Schlairet
- vii. Library Affairs – Michael Forbes Ocasio
- viii. Internationalization and Globalization Committee – Fleming Bell
- ix. Diversity & Equity Issues – Karen Acosta
- x. Student Activities & Services – Kelly Davidson Devall
- xi. Technology – Mike Holt

b. Meeting minutes from the various committees should be sent to FS Secretary 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 our records keeping up to date. 😊

Dr. Moch requested senators to follow the above guidelines for archiving committee agendas and minutes.

c. Election for Vice President/President-Elect of the Faculty Senate. Nominations received in advance and from the floor will be entertained.

Dr. Moch took nominations from the floor. Mr. Michael Holt, Odum Library, was nominated; no other nominations were obtained; Mr. Holt was elected by acclamation to be Vice President/President-Elect of the Faculty Senate.

d. Election of Secretary of the Faculty Senate. Nominations received in advance and from the floor will be entertained.

Dr. Moch took nominations from the floor. Dr. Sudip Chakraborty, volunteered; no other nominations were obtained; Dr. Chakraborty was elected by acclamation to be Secretary of the Faculty Senate.

8. General Discussion

Dr. Noll discussed the Ad Hoc committee concerning Student Opinion of Instruction (SOI) which had previously been created in May, but formal follow up with senate had been forgotten. Currently Dr. Steven Downey is chair of committee. The committee has already met at least twice and the names of the committee members will be sent to the CoCo Chair.

Mr. Mike Holt asked for senators and all faculty members to fill out the library services survey submitted through the VSU list serve.

Dr. Sonya Sanderson asked for senators to fill out the survey for dining services previously submitted by Dr. Peggy Moch to the Faculty Senate.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Sean Lennon

Attending: x = Present; blank = Absent; proxy = Had a designated proxy for the meeting

College of the Arts	
Abigail Heuss	x
Karl Wildman	x
Karl Paoletti	x
Sarah Arnett	proxy
Kalina Winska	x
Shannon Lowe	x
Tommy Crane	x
linda jurczak	x

College of Arts and Sciences	
John Dunn	x
Marty Williams	x
Fred Knowles	x
Krishnendu Roy	x
Dereth Drake	x
Tom Aiello	
Ubaraj Katawal	x
Brian Ring	x
Rebecca Gaskins	x
Michael Noll	x
Peggy Moch	x
Michael Meacham	x
Fleming Bell	x
Kelly Davidson Devall	x
Karen Acosta	proxy
Donald Thieme	x
Arsalan Wares	proxy
Michelle Forbes Ocasio	proxy
Victoria Russell	proxy
Maren Clegg-Hyer	x
Jacob M. Jewusiak	x
Theresa J. Grove	
Sudip Chakraborty	x
Babacar Mboup	
Grazyna H. Walczak	x
Marc G. Pufong	x

College of Business Administration	
Luis Gonzalez	x
Eric Howington	proxy
David Kuhlmeier	x
S. Andrew "Andy" Ostapski	
Gary Futrell	proxy

Executive Committee	
Sean Lennon	x

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

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

Odum Library	
Catherine Bowers	x
Mike Holt	x
Colette Drouillard	proxy

Retirees Association Representative	
Fred Ware	x

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

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

Visitors:	
Brian Gerber	x
Sheri Gravett	x
Angela Uyeno	x
Penelope Croft	x
Matthew Carter	x