



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

## FACULTY SENATE

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<b>Chairman</b> President H. C. Bailey	<b>Vice Chairman</b> Vice President L. Benjamin	<b>Executive Secretary</b> Dr. F. Ware	<b>Parliamentarian</b> Dr. D. Marks
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### Minutes of January 22, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. in Powell Hall Auditorium. Members present were: President and Chair - Hugh C. Bailey; Vice President, Academic Affairs - L. Benjamin; Executive Secretary - F. Ware; Parliamentarian - D. Marks; Ex-officio Senators - J. Brignati, K. Ferrell (absent), L. Milbrandt, T. Dasher (absent), K. Stanley, F.D. Toth (absent), M.A. Reichenbach, E. Clark (absent), G. Gaumond, P. Cleveland (absent); College of the Arts: V. Pennington, J. Davis, C. Klein, C. Edwards, M. Harbin (absent); College of Arts and Sciences: S. Goel, J. Hiers, M. Leake, D. Marks, P. Marks, D. Bogyo, S. Childs, B. Derrick (proxy J. Elza), L. Hanes, M. Hardin, A. Lazari, B. Bergstrom, D. Boyd, B. Brown (proxy L. Hanes), J. Elza, B. Evans, T. Meyers (absent), V. Soady (absent); College of Business Administration: A. Reddy, H. Ray (absent), F. Ware, M. Holland (proxy A. Reddy); College of Education: G. Akins (absent), C. Backes, R. Deavours, R. Johnston, J. Lee (absent), J. D. Thomerson, R. McClung, M. Garber, J. Hummel, P. Anderson, S. Andrews (absent), J. Dorminey (proxy J. D. Thomerson), T. Root-Sirmans; College of Nursing: S. Cantrell, D. Ebron, D. Roush; Division of Social Work: R. Vodde; Division of Learning Support: W. LeFiles (absent); Odum Library: S. Crawford, D. VanPetten; Pres. of SGA: G. Williams

The meeting was called to order by President Bailey and proxies were identified by F. Ware.

**The minutes of the December 4, 1997 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.**

### Unfinished Business

a. Proposed "Policy Guidelines and Procedures for Granting Priority Registration Status," (Attachment #1), developed by the Educational Policies Committee - S. Crawford, Chair, reported that this issue had been sent to the Committee in the Fall of 1995 and that quite a bit of research had been done before arriving at this final

proposed document. G. Williams, SGA President, voiced concern about the policy. He noted the plight of non-traditional students and other issues. Mr. Williams said that he wished that more student input could be utilized in creating the document. A lively discussion took place at that point. T. Root-Sirmans explained that two years ago the Educational Policies Committee had indeed involved SGA very heavily. She noted that last year we were dealing primarily with semester conversion. Hence, not much was done to this proposed except to change the language from quarter to semester. She stated that at the April, 1997 Faculty Senate Meeting everyone was encouraged to comment, yet the committee had not received any negative feedback. G. Williams said that he had sent memos asking for the names of committee chairs so that he could call and ask what time they met. He stated that he had not yet received any meeting times of any committee of the Faculty Senate. M. Leake, as past Chair of the Committee and D. Roush, as Chair of the Committee on Committees responded to G. Williams' points, and it was noted that committee membership information had been on the web for some time.

A vote was taken and the **proposed policy was approved.**

### **New Business**

a. Proposed Policy, "Hispanic Heritage Month," submitted by the Minority and Diversity Issues Committee - There were no comments or questions regarding the proposed policy which would designate the month of October at Valdosta State University as "Hispanic Heritage Month." **The policy was adopted.**

b. Report of the Academic Committee - Dr. Benjamin stated that there was no report.

c. Report of the Committee on Committees - D. Roush reported that the Committee on Committees will meet January 26 at 2:00 p.m. to: (1) confirm which Senators can be re-elected, (2) send memos to Deans and Directors regarding numbers of seats and eligibility, (3) prepare names to be submitted to Dr. Graf for the Advisory Committee to the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

d. Report of the Institutional Planning Committee - V. Pennington reported that the IPC had met on January 21. She said that Dr. Ernestine Clark had given a status report at that time on the preparations for the upcoming SACS accreditation visit. Members of the IPC will be serving on a SACS Self-Study committee, and a meeting with a consultant is planned for mid-February. V. Pennington also reported that Mr. Brignati had provided an update on the Master Planning process, and Dr. Benjamin had briefed the committee on the status of the collection of unit goals, which are due February 15. These goals will be reviewed by an appropriate IPC subcommittee.

President Bailey interjected that while we are on the topic of SACS accreditation, our representative from the Commission on Colleges will be on campus all day Friday, January 30. Dr. Bailey said that the representative would like a session in the afternoon with as many faculty as possible. This will probably be in the University Center.

J. Elza asked which Master Planning teams had been chosen. Mr. Brignati responded that the three teams chosen were (1) Hauseman/Ellerbe Becket, (2) Ira Fink/Ellis, Rickett, and (3) Portman/Sasaki.

e. Report of the Faculty Affairs Committee - R. Deavours stated that the Committee met on January 15 and a large portion of that meeting was devoted to addressing Sexual Harrassment Policy changes; they are working with the Minority & Diversity Issues Committee, M. Hardin, Chair, and they expect to have the results as an agenda item for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

f. Report of the Faculty Grievance Committee - D. Bogyo, reporting for B. Derrick, stated that there was no report.

g. Report of the Senate Executive Committee - F. Ware explained that according to the bylaws, every January a nominating committee is formed to develop nominations for the position of Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate, and for vacancies on the Committee on Committees. The three selected for the Nominating Committee this year are: Richard Vodde (Division of Social Work), Mike Holland (College of Business), and Charles Backes (College of Education).

F. Ware said that he had been developing some policies and procedures in an attempt to streamline and make the Executive Secretary's job a great deal easier than it has been. He announced that the committee has until May, at which time it will announce at least two nominees. The Executive Secretary's job will start in the fall term.

J. Elza asked if the Nominating Committee also has to nominate the Chair of the Committee on Committees. D. Roush replied that the Chair of Committee on Committees is not elected by the Senate. However, all members of the Committee on

Committees are elected by the Senate. She reiterated that part of what the Committee on Committees will be looking at is to see who goes off of that committee. She stated that we already have a Vice-Chair, S. Crawford, who will chair next year.

### **General Discussion**

President Bailey called on J. Brignati to present the various faculty paycheck scenarios which might be possible under the semester system. Mr. Brignati explained that once we start the semester system in August, the way faculty are paid may or may not change. Right now, we have two choices that are available, 1/9 or 1/12. Other options which could be used are 1/8 and 1/10. Mr. Brignati pointed out that although individual institutions may or may not be given the opportunity by the Regents Office to select a payment plan, he wants to be ready if and when we are asked for our preferences. He requests Faculty Senate input as soon as possible. He noted that we must be prepared to respond quickly should a choice be given to us. A handout was provided to all Senators which depicts several paycheck delivery scenarios (Attachment #2).

M. Hardin asked if any committee had ever examined the safety of the hall doors in West Hall. He reported that last week, a wheelchair student was hit by a door and knocked backwards. He stated that he had also witnessed accidents. President Bailey responded that someone should contact him immediately and explain details of the problem. President Bailey then asked that M. Hardin write a one sentence letter to him; he will contact the Executive Committee and they will determine the appropriate group to investigate this problem.

B. Bergstrom stated that as Chair of the Beautification Sub-Committee of the Environmental Issues Committee, his subcommittee has been the group to oversee the University's Tree Preservation and Maintenance Policy. He reflected that over the past four or five years, there have been some "rough spots on the road" toward implementing that policy. He noted that in the future we will be in a growth period. He said that the Subcommittee met yesterday and that he would like to propose that they have quarterly meetings to which they invite President Bailey and any and all other members of the administration who should be at such a meeting to take a look at what is "coming down the road." The Subcommittee wants to give some input in advisory and pro-active capacities, so we can try to grow in a planned way that is consistent with our tree policy. President Bailey stated that this was an excellent suggestion and necessary action would be taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.