



FACULTY SENATE
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Chairman	Vice Chairman	Executive Secretary	Parliamentarian
President Ronald M. Zaccari	Vice President L. Levy	Dr. R. Hull	Dr. D. Boyd

Minutes of February 21, 2002

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of the University Center. Members present were:

L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs
 R. Hull, Executive Secretary
 D. Boyd, Parliamentarian

Ex-Officio Senators:

J. Brignati	R. Mast
R. Devery (absent)	L. Milbrandt
R. Barnette	T. Reed
K. Stanley (proxy R. Allen)	M.A. Reichenbach
E. Clark	P. Allen
M. Giddings (absent)	N. Argyle
G. Gaumond (proxy E. Clark)	

College of the Arts:

F. Barnas	J. Hornsby
M. Savoie	P. McNeill
D. Brooks (absent)	L. Indergaard
M. Morris	
C. Coons (proxy M. Savoie)	

College Of Arts and Sciences:

T. Manning	B. Bergstrom	B. Derrick	J. Elza
C. Hand	M. Laughlin	M. Richard (absent)	D. Robinson
E. Sheeley	V. Soady	T. Thompson (proxy D. Sewell)	K. Rumstay
T. Meyers	D. Bogyo	A. Lazari (absent)	C. Walker (absent)
D. Sewell	M. Smith	D. Boyd	K. Warner
S. Childs (absent)	J. Kinney		

College Of Business Administration:

M. Holland (proxy B. Caster)	B. Caster	F. Ware (absent)	R. Allen	P. Fadil
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College of Education:

L. Carter	G. Langford	A. Recesso	F. Smith (absent)
M. Garber	J. Hummel	R. McClung	L. Wiley
L. Moore	S. Andrews	A. Brovey	R. Hull
M. Maina	J. Siegrist	D. Brihl	D. Judd
T. Enloe			

College Of Nursing:

L. Floyd	D. Ebron	D. Weaver (proxy L. Floyd)
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Division Of Social Work:

M. Meacham

Odum Library:

S. Thomas (proxy K. Smith)	K. Smith
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Student Senator (non-voting)

President of the SGA: N. Overstreet

Student appointed by SGA Present: Cody Guined

Visitors:

COSA	Arts & Sciences	Registrar	Admissions/EM
Kae Sinkule	B. Adler	Gerald Wright	Walter Peacock
Shannon McGee			

1. Call to Order - L. Levy called the meeting to order noting that Dr. Zaccari was absent due to illness. Noted the new location of the meeting would be the Magnolia Room. The Executive Secretary will conduct the meetings.
2. **Approval of the November 18, 2001 Senate minutes - The minutes were approved.**
3. Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business.
4. New Business
 - a. Report from the Academic Committee - L. Levy moved to approve Academic Committee Minutes from October 8, 2001, seconded, **the minutes were approved.** This report is included as Attachment #1.
 - b. Report from the Committee on Committees - L. Indergaard reported that senate elections have taken place. He passed out the election results, this report is included as Attachment #2. L. Indergaard moved to accept senate elections results, seconded, **the motion was approved.**
 - c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee - F. Barnas reported during the Committee's 2001 review of the University Mission Statement, the Committee found an item that warrants revision. The second paragraph of the Missions Statement reads:

“Within the context of the University System’s mission and vision, Georgia Southern University and Valdosta State University share core characteristics as regional universities.”

The Georgia Southern University Mission Statement makes no reference to VSU, nor does it mention that there is another regional university in the state.

The Committee submits that there is no compelling need for VSU’s Mission Statement to mention another University unless that University refers to VSU as well.

The Committee requests that the Faculty Senate modify the Mission Statement to delete the reference to Georgia Southern University and revise the sentence to read:

“Within the context of the University System’s mission and vision, Valdosta State University possesses the core characteristics of a regional university.”

The Committee further requests that, as a guideline, no other University be named in the VSU Mission Statement unless there is a reciprocal agreement between the two institutions.

- F. Barnas moved to accept report, seconded, **the motion was approved.** This report is included as Attachment #3.
- d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee - E. Sheeley reported that the Committee completed a document for procedures and time frames to be followed by students appealing an assigned grade. This document specified the progression of appeal stages to include the faculty member, department head, dean, vice president of academic affairs and finally the president. This is the progression that is specified in the current Catalog, Student Handbook and the Faculty Handbook. The Committee approved the document and submitted it to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate for consideration to be on the agenda for the Senate Meeting on February 21. Dr. Zaccari suggested that the final stage of the appeal progression be the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs instead of continuing to the Office of the President. Thus, the document has been returned to the Faculty Affairs Committee to consider this change in the appeal process. The committee will meet within the next couple of weeks to reconsider this document and to consider other matters which have been remanded to the committee. This report is included as Attachment #4.
- e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee - A. Brovey stated that was no report.
- f. Report from the Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee - M. Garber reported on the proposed calendar for Summer 2003, this report is included as Attachment #5. L. Levy suggested that the registration period end the day before classes begin. Students registering on the first day of classes would be considered registering late and would have to pay the late registration fee. This will encourage students to register during the regular registration period. Moved to accept, seconded, **the motion was approved.**

- g. Report from the Library Committee - M. Meachem reported that at the present time there are no funds for acquisitions through the Committee. The Committee recommends that units continue to send requests to the committee so, if and when funds become available, the committee will be able to process them quicker. This report is included as Attachment #6.
- h. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary - R. Hull
 - 1. Nomination Committee for election of the Faculty Senate Executive Secretary will be John Hummel, Christina Coons, and Deborah Robinson. Asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there were none. Moved to accept nominations, seconded, **the motion was approved.**
 - 2. Remanded back to the Faculty Affairs Committee - policy to petition to review/change grades.
 - 3. Remanded back to the Institutional Planning Committee - change in VSU Mission Statement
 - 4. Remanded to Faculty Affairs Committee:
 - a. Request to define ½ time summer teaching
 - b. Request to look at issue of Senator's attendance at Faculty Senate meetings, assigned committees to determine how this might be handled, one suggestion forwarded dealt with how to handle absences, removal, and re-election of the position (this would require a By-Laws change)
 - 5. Remanded to Academic Affairs Committee:

Request that By-Laws be reviewed or amended to indicate the status of full time temporary faculty, in terms of being allowed to vote for senators or committee members, run for a senate office, expected to serve on university committees, be allowed to vote for grievance committees, are they general faculty, and do they get counted for senate apportionment, etc.
 - 6. Remanded to Committee on Committees:

Request that we look at the change of an ex-officio position (Dean to Director) to determine how this is handled with the potential resultant loss of 4 senators.
 - 7. Seven senators will be selected to attend a meeting on March 4th with Solutions 21 (the strategic planning company) selected by the President to work on identifying our strengths, weakness, threats, etc. The senators are to be a broad representation of the colleges. All seven senators must be able to attend the March 4th meeting.

D. Bogyo nominated Christine Coons (Arts), Rusty McClung, and Larry Moore (Education), Mike Holland (Business), Donna Ebron (Nursing), Martha Laughlin and Betty Derrick (Arts and Sciences), seconded by B. Bergstrom.

Rusty McClung withdrew his name from the nomination due to a conflict with a conference. Nominations from the floor were: Frank Barnas, Brian Adler, and Art Recesso. Both Frank Barnas and Brian Adler withdrew their names. D. Bogyo accepted Art Recesso to replace Rusty McClung with B. Bergstrom concurring. After considerable discussion M. Morris called question to vote, motion carried, **the nominations were voted on and accepted.**

J. Elza moved that the representatives come back and report to the Senate what action took place at the meeting, seconded, **the motion was approved.**

L. Levy reported that T. Archibald will set up an electronic system for input and that there will be opportunity for comments in regards to the strategic planning.

5. General Discussion - There was none.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.