



FACULTY SENATE

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President Ronald M. Zaccari	Vice President L. Levy	Dr. R. Hull	Dr. D. Boyd

Minutes of April 18, 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:

R.M. Zaccari, President
 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 (absent)	T. Reed (absent)
K. Stanley	P. Allen
E. Clark	M.A. Reichenbach (proxy D. Ebron)
G. Gaumond	N. Argyle
M. Giddings	

College of the Arts:

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

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 (proxy C. Hand)	D. Bogyo	A. Lazari (absent)	C. Walker (absent)
D. Sewell	J. Kinney	D. Boyd	K. Warner
S. Childs	M. Smith (absent)		

College Of Business Administration:

M. Holland (proxy B. Caster)	B. Caster	F. Ware (proxy P. Fadil)	R. Allen
P. Fadil			

College of Education:

L. Carter	G. Langford (proxy L. Carter)	A. Recesso (absent)	F. Smith
M. Garber (absent)	J. Hummel	R. McClung	L. Wiley (absent)
L. Moore	S. Andrews	A. Brovey	R. Hull
M. Maina (absent)	J. Siegrist	D. Briehl	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	K. Smith
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Student Senator (non-voting)

President of the SGA: N. Overstreet (absent)

Student appointed by SGA President:

Visitors:

Brian Adler	Sue Lampert, COSA	Walter Peacock, Admissions/EM
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1. Call to Order- R. Zaccari opened the meeting with several matters before turning the chair over to the executive secretary. R. Zaccari spoke on changing the format of the Senate meeting from time to time and thanked the Senate for the positive reaction to the new format. Had several general comments --

- 1) Stated that the budget information had just been received from the Chancellor's Office. Congratulated J. Brignati and his staff on having been given the highest possible rating on the audit. There were 25% of all the universities in the state ending up in the lower categories of that audit. There is good and bad news about the budget. The MMR funds are in a downward trend.
- 2) J. Brignati distributed the budget and then presented the budget stating that MMR funds have been cut 43%, this report is included as Attachment #1.
- 3) R. Zaccari said the planning document from the retreat has arrived and distributed to the retreat participants. The participants have been asked to review the document. On April 30 another meeting of the retreat participants has been scheduled along with the Solutions 21 team. The participants have been asked to read the document and be prepared to discuss it. -- does it really say what happened at the planning retreat, was anything missed, are there ideas that have not been clearly defined.
- 4) R. Zaccari has met with a committee of the Valdosta City School System regarding the football stadium. A football stadium with related parking could help to resolve a number of issues. Asked the City School System if the stadium is renovated how many parking spaces would VSU be given during the day. He was told 250 spaces. With increased enrollment, 250 spaces would be inadequate. This would not be a good use of VSU funds. Told the committee if they were willing to level the entire block, remove the superintendent's office, bus barn, and other facilities, and form a partnership to build a new facility, then he would be willing to talk to them.

Turned the chair over to the executive secretary.

2. Approval of the March 21, 2002 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 referred to Attachment #1 and stated that the committee had made a number of revisions to course descriptions and course numbers. W. Peacock asked about item #15 for the College of Business stating that requiring a higher GPA will impact entering students Fall Semester 2002. L. Levy and K. Stanley addressed this question. Minor revisions were suggested in spelling and wording. L. Levy asked for approval of the February 11, 2002 minutes. **They were approved as amended.** This report is included as Attachment #2.

b. Report from the Committee on Committees - R. Hull reported that D. Weaver had sent a report which was given to Senators when they signed in for the meeting. This report is included as Attachment #3.

c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee - R. Hull read the following report he received from F. Barnas.

The IPC submitted the revised Mission Statement for publication. The change removed Georgia Southern from the VSU Mission Statement. Once Georgia Southern was deleted, Lee Bradley, the editor of VSU catalogs, suggested a minor editorial change in a subsequent paragraph to improve sentence structure. The sentence in question referred to plural universities, but with Georgia Southern deleted, the wording was changed to the singular form. The revised Mission Statement will appear in the next edition of the graduate and undergraduate catalogs. The IPC thanks Lee Bradley for the correction.

d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee - E. Sheeley reported on 3 items as follows:

1. Resolution concerning full-time and half-time teaching loads. After much discussion B. Derrick asked to amend the second paragraph by adding "for the purposes of Teacher's Retirement System" to the last sentence of the second paragraph. B. Derrick proposed a friendly amendment to delete the entire last paragraph, V. Soady asked to amend further by striking everything after the second paragraph. E. Sheeley moved to accept with the amendments, **the motion was approved.**

2. Petition to Review/Change Grade - after much discussion J. Hummel asked to amend the proposal by adding a sentence to the first paragraph after the first sentence to read "Assigned grades must conform to the policy in the course syllabus." E. Sheeley moved to accept with the amendment, **the motion was approved.**

3. Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Senate By-laws - E. Sheeley stated a vote would be only if a Faculty Senate absentee policy is needed, not to approve Attachment #4. E. Sheeley also recommended that the amendment not be presented at the June meeting. R. Hull stated that there would be two ten minute periods, the first for pros for the amendment and the second for cons. After a lengthy discussion J. Hummel called question on a vote if a Faculty Senate absentee policy is needed. **Motion was approved that the Faculty Senate needs to study this proposal.** The Executive Secretary will appoint a committee as outlined in the by-laws.

e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee - A. Brovey stated there was no report.

f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary - R. Hull

1. Proposed Senate Calendar for 2002-2003 - B. Bergstrom stated he believed that at the last two June meetings that a quorum has not been present and questioned if it would be better to have a May meeting. J. Elza stated she believed the By-laws state a June meeting. After further discussion R. Hull asked for a motion to accept the proposed calendar, it was moved and seconded to accept the

proposed calendar for 2002-2003, **the motion was approved.**

2. Remanded to the Educational Policies Committee a request for bringing into agreement the policies regarding withdrawals before midterm and the deadline for turning in the signed forms to the Registrar's offices.
3. Report from senators who participated in the Planning Retreat. D. Robinson gave a short report regarding the Planning Retreat, this report is included as Attachment #4.
4. Election of individuals to replace vacancies on the Committee on Committees. C. Coons stated that the following names were submitted as nominations for the upcoming vacant positions on the Committee on Committees (COCO). Each of the following colleges/divisions have a vacancy on COCO: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, and Odum Library/Social Work.

Per Senate by-laws, only two names may be put forward by the Nominating Committee. Other Nominations may be taken from the floor when the vote is called. However, nominations from the Floor for a vacancy within a particular unit can be made only by Elected Senators from the unit.

The following individuals (listed in alphabetical order) are the nominations from the Committee. All have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected. College of Arts and Sciences - Brian Adler and Debbi Robinson; College of Education - Deb Briihl and Andy Brovey; Odum Library/Social Work - Mike Meacham and Maureen Puffer-Rothenberg. R. Hull called for nominations from the floor, there being none the nominations were closed. The Senate voted by secret ballot. The election results are as follows: Brian Adler for the College of Arts and Sciences, Andy Brovey for the College of Education, Mike Meacham for Odum Library/Social Work.

5. The Executive Committee requests the Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee to look into the redesigning of Honors Day, so that its ceremony becomes more of a celebration of students honored by the academy.
6. End of the Year Standing Committee reports:
 - a. Technology - D. Boyd gave the committee's annual report, this report is included as Attachment #5.
 - b. Student Activities - P. Fadil stated there was no report.
 - c. Minority and Diversity Affairs - L. Carter gave the committee's report, this report is included as Attachment #6. J. Elza stated that she would like to see a policy implemented regarding sexual Orientation included in the non-discrimination clause of the university.
 - d. Library Affairs - M. Meacham stated that was no report due to there being no funds available.
 - e. Faculty Development and Research - no report.
7. For the June meeting the following committees are to have their annual reports:
 - a. Environmental Issues
 - b. Education Policies
 - c. Athletics
 - d. Academic Honors and Scholarship
 - e. Academic Scheduling and Procedures

5. General Discussion - J. Hummel asked about the e-mail J. Elza had sent out regarding the lawsuit filed by the Georgia Education Association. R. Zaccari addresses this matter stating that the necessary paperwork had been sent to the Board of Regents Office. S. Thomas stated that senators coming to a meeting and leaving early is just as bad as having a proxy.
6. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.