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### Minutes October 15, 2009

#### The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:40 p.m. in the Magnolia Room

1. Call to Order by Dr. Patrick J. Schloss.
  - There has been a 7.8% enrollment gain. Also, this fall the average student is taking more credits than last fall.
  - Discussed the process of allocation and funding of new positions. His presentation can be viewed at:  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/sra/documents/AllocationandFundingofNewPositions-FacultySenate-10152009.pdf>. Any questions or comments about this new process should be directed to the Planning & Budget Council (<http://www.valdosta.edu/pbc/>). Senators Michael Davey and Fred Ware are the current voting faculty members on the PBC.
2. Approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate.  
[http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/documents/Senate\\_Minutes\\_2009-09-17.pdf](http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/documents/Senate_Minutes_2009-09-17.pdf)
  - The minutes were approved.
3. New business
  - a. Report from the Academic Committee – Louis Levy [llevy@valdosta.edu](mailto:llevy@valdosta.edu)  
See **Attachment A** for Minutes of September 14, 2009 Academic Committee meeting.
    - Discussed course deactivations and revisions approved by the Academic Committee. The Academic Committee minutes were approved by the Senate.
    - The new Core Curriculum for the University System of Georgia was approved at the October BOR meeting. VSU is in compliance with the new Core. New changes include: Area B moves to 3 hours or more, Area D moves to 7 hours or more, and Area E moves down to 6 hours or more. The total Core equals 60 hours. The guarantee remains that all Core classes taken within the USG will transfer to Valdosta State University. The effective date for the new Core Curriculum will be Fall 2011, except 2-year schools, which will be Fall 2012.

More information about the revised Core Curriculum can be found at <http://core.usg.edu/> .

- Discussed funding pools. The course reassignment pool has funded all 30 requests. Hopes to fund all the projects within the scientific equipment pool.
- BOR approved several new degrees: BBA with a major in International Business, BA in Biology, and Master of Accounting.
- There are currently 11 ads for new faculty positions.

b. Report from the Committee on Committees – Peggy Moch [plmoch@valdosta.edu](mailto:plmoch@valdosta.edu)  
-No report.

c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – Danielle Harmon  
[dharmon@valdosta.edu](mailto:dharmon@valdosta.edu)  
- No report.

d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee –Paul Neal [paneal@valdosta.edu](mailto:paneal@valdosta.edu)  
- No report.

e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – Theresa Thompson  
[tthompson@valdosta.edu](mailto:tthompson@valdosta.edu)  
-No report.

f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary – Jay Rickman [bjrickma@valdosta.edu](mailto:bjrickma@valdosta.edu)

1. Announced that the Council on Staff Affairs is arranging a series of events from Tuesday, November 17, 2009 to Friday, November 20, 2009 to signify VSU's appreciation of its classified staff. All faculty are encouraged to show their appreciation for staff during this period.

2. Consideration of a registration policy that allows a student to use their preference to register (based on the number of earned hours) for a limited number of credits (e.g., 15 or 16). Students wishing to register for more than the limit could do so during the second week of registration or during the drop-add period. Provisions could be created to address programs with special circumstances. The main goal would be to limit "course shopping and gaming" in which students register for classes they do not intend to take. *Remanded to Educational Policies Committee for review & EPC should consult with the Deans Council and the Department Heads Council. In reviewing this policy, the EPC should also continue its discussion of limiting the number of withdrawals a student may exercise without penalty.*

4. Old Business

5. Discussion

- Traycee Martin discussed a recommendation will be sent through the Policy on Policies process regarding the combination of separate parking committees to create a single university-level parking committee that would handle long-range planning regarding parking. This new committee will include representatives from the Senate's Institutional Planning Committee and the Environmental Issues Committee.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

## **ATTACHMENT A:**

### **VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

September 14, 2009

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Rose Room on Monday, September 18, 2009. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presided. Members Present: Dr. Marvin Smith, Dr. Ray Elson (proxy for Dr. Bruce Caster), Dr. James Ernest (proxy for Dr. Lucia Lu), Dr. Deborah Weaver, Ms. Laura Wright, Dr. William Faux, Dr. Linda Jurczak, Dr. Kathe Lowney (proxy for Dr. Frank Flaherty), Dr. Kathe Lowney, Dr. Ray Elson, Dr. James Ernest, Dr. Iris Ellis, Dr. Melissa Benton, Dr. Mike Meacham, and Ms. Deborah VanPetten.

Members Absent: Dr. Lai Orenduff, Dr. Bruce Caster, Dr. Lucia Lu, Dr. Frank Flaherty, Ms. Donna Cunningham, and Dr. James Humphrey.

Visitors Present: Dr. John Hummel, Dr. Nanci Scheetz, Dr. James Peterson, Dr. Ivan Nikolov, Dr. Nathan Elliott, Dr. Phil Gunter, Dr. Mike Griffin, Dr. Karla Hull, and Mr. Lee Bradley.

The Minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting were approved by email on May 20, 2009. (pages 1-3).

#### **A. College of Business**

1. Deactivation of MBA 7990, ECON 1900H, 3200, 3300, and MKTG 4800 was noted effective Spring Semester 2010. (page 4).

#### **B. College of Education**

1. Revised course number and title, Interpreting (INTP) 2998, “Entry into the Profession”, (ENTRY TO PROFESSION – 0 credit hours, 0 lecture hour, 1 lab hours, and 0 contact hour), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010. (pages 5-7).

2. Revised requirements for the minor in Psychology was approved effective Fall Semester 2010 with the effective term changed from Spring 2010 to Fall 2010, and the spelling of psychology was corrected in the “Plan for Assessing Proposed Change” section. (pages 8-11).

3. Revised course prerequisites, Kinesiology/Physical Education (KSPE) 3200, “Nutrition for Health and Human Performance”, (NUTRITION HLTH/HUMAN PERFORMAN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010 with the description changed to read – Prerequisites or Co-requisite: KSPE 3420... . (pages 12-14).

#### **C. College of Arts and Sciences**

1. Deactivation of CRJU 7350 was noted effective Spring Semester 2010. (page 15).

2. Revised course description, Foreign Language Education (FLED) 4800, “Senior Professional Development Seminar”, (SENIOR PROF DEVELOPMENT SEM – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hour), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010. (pages 16-18).

3. Revised course description, Philosophy (PHIL) 4120, “Ethics and Public Policy”, (ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010 with a comma added after free speech in the course description. (pages 19-22).

4. Revised course description, Philosophy (PHIL) 4220, “Ethics and Public Administration”, (ETHICS AND PUBLIC ADMINSTRTN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010 with the description changed to read – Study of ethical issues in public administration. Special emphasis will be given to developing...malfeasance and conflict...their decision-making. (pages 23-26).

5. Revised course description, Journalism (JOUR) 3570, “Photojournalism”, (PHOTOJOURNALISM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010 with a comma added after free speech in the course description. (pages 27-30).
6. Revised catalog narrative for the MA in English was approved effective Fall Semester 2010 with the effective changed to Fall 2010. (pages 31-38).
7. Revised course description, title, and number, Legal Assistant Studies (LEAS) 4251, “Trial Advocacy II”, (TRIAL ADVOCACY II – 3 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 6 lab hours, and 6 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010. (pages 39-42). Deactivation of LEAS 4902.
8. Revised course description, title, and number, Political Science (POLS) 4251, “Trial Advocacy II”, (TRIAL ADVOCACY II – 3 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 6 lab hours, and 6 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010. (pages 43-46). Deactivation of POLS 4902.
9. Revised course title, Legal Assistant Studies (LEAS) 4250, “Trial Advocacy I”, (TRIAL ADVOCACY I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010. (pages 47-49).
10. Revised course title, Political Science (POLS) 4250, “Trial Advocacy I”, (TRIAL ADVOCACY I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010. (pages 50-52).
11. Revised course description, and title, Political Science (POLS) 4440, “Model United Nations I”, (MODEL UNITED NATIONS I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010 with the description changed to read ...setting. Prepares students to represent... . (pages 53-56).
12. Revised course description, title, and number, Political Science (POLS) 4442, “Model United Nations II”, (MODEL UNITED NATIONS II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2010 in the course description all “U.N.” were changed to “UN”. (pages 57-60). Deactivation of POLS 4901.
13. Deactivation of PADM 7340, POLS 3260, 4340, 4630 5610, 6400, 6630, and 6850 were noted effective Spring Semester 2010. (page 61).
14. Letter of Intent – for the BA in Transatlantic Studies Program was approved and will be sent to the BOR for approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stanley Jones  
Interim Registrar

**Members and Visitors Present:**

P. Schloss, President  
L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs  
J. Rickman, Executive Secretary  
V. Whisler, Parliamentarian

\* Indicates the individual assigned a proxy

**Ex-Officio Senators:**

*N. Argyle	J. Crawford
G. Gaumond	J. Gaston
M. Giddings	P. Gunter
K. Hull	A. Hufft
K. Keppler	T. Martin
W. Plumly(absent)	*C. Richards

**College of Arts:**

M. Elliott(absent)	B. Finson	D. Harmon
P. Neal	E. Nielson	L. Orenduff
M. Savoie	K. Sodowsky	

**College of Arts & Sciences:**

J. Allard	D. Baracskey	S. Barron
*L. Bejarano	*B. Bergstrom	R. Carpenter
*M. Davey	*J. Elder	N. Elliott(absent)
S. Fares	R. Gladwin	S. Gray
*J. Kassel	A. Kumar	*J. Lambert-Shute
J. Merwin	P. Moch	O. Nikolova
C. Serran-Pagan	Marvin Smith	T. Thompson(absent)

**College of Business Administration:**

B. Caster	A. Cseh	C. Lipscomb
F. Ware	E. Walker(absent)	

**College of Education:**

K. Adams	C. Conner	B. Dixey(absent)
G. Doepker	*M. Gorham-Rowan	R. Hannibal
S. Kohn	L. Leader	L. Lu
Y. Mat Som	*C. Prater	S. Raab
A. Rieger	*N. Scheetz	C. Talor
V. Whisler		

**College of Nursing:**

A. Haddon	D. Weaver
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**Division of Social Work:**

\*D. Holliman

**Odum Library:**

A. Ondrusek	L. Wright
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**Student Government Association (Non-Voting):**

Kelli Cody

**Proxies:**

Ransom Gladwin for Luis Bejarano  
Daniel Baracskey for Nolan Argyle  
Shani Gray for Jennifer Lambert-Shute  
Jerry Merwin for Mary Gorham-Rowan  
Richard Carpenter for Michael Davey  
Yahya Mat Som for John Elder  
Vesta Whisler for Cindy Prater  
Jason Allard for Brad Bergstrom  
Susan Barron for Connie Richards  
Steven Kohn for Jason Kassel  
Marty Giddings for Diane Holliman  
Phil Gunter for Nanci Scheetz

**Visitors:**

Ariel Felton, Spectator  
Stanley Jones, Registrar  
Andreas Lazari, Math/CS