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Minutes November 19, 2009

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

- Call to Order by Dr. Patrick J. Schloss:
- Discussed the November 18th BOR meeting. There is a certainty for an 8% budget reduction, maybe 10%. No adjustments to our budget will be needed, since plans had been made for the reduction. There will be an additional \$100 student fee for Spring semester. Summer budget should remain intact.
- Discussed Dr. Levy's retirement. Jay Rickman will chair the search committee for a new Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. A search firm will not be used.
- Introduced Mr. Stanley Jones as new Registrar.
- Introduced Dr. Phil Gunter as Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

- Jay Rickman presented Dr. Levy with a plaque to recognize his extensive service to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Levy has attended at least 160 Senate and Senate Executive Committee meetings throughout his career at VSU.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate.**

http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/documents/Senate_Minutes_2009-10-15.pdf

- Minutes were approved.

3. New business

a. Report from the Academic Committee – Louis Levy llevy@valdosta.edu

See **Attachment A** for Minutes of the October 12, 2009 Academic Committee meeting. Because the Senate will not meet again until February 18, 2010, we may also need to review any urgent items from the November 16, 2009 Academic Committee meeting. [The Academic Committee's scheduled meeting on November 9 was postponed because of a conflict with the interview schedule for the Registrar's search.]

- Dr. Levy thanked the Faculty Senate for the recognition/plaque and for all the good years with the Faculty Senate.
- Discussed the BOR meeting. Starting Spring semester, faculty will need to focus on three outcomes for Core Curriculum goals: U.S Perspectives, Global Perspectives, and Critical Thinking.
- Informed the Faculty Senate that at the BOR Academic Committee meeting in January, it will be discussed if the Regents' test should be discontinued.

- Discussed Academic Committee minutes and various modifications approved by the Academic Committee. The October Academic Committee minutes were approved.
- Discussed two November items for Marriage and Family Therapy 7600 and Math 5600 which needed to be effective for Spring 2010. The Senate voted to consider the items, and they were approved.

b. Report from the Committee on Committees – Peggy Moch plmoch@valdosta.edu

- No report

c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – Danielle Harmon

ddharmon@valdosta.edu

- Danielle Harmon, Cliff Lipscomb, Chris Sharp and a Department Head representative (TBA) have been selected to serve on the Facilities Advisory committee.

d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee –Paul Neal paneal@valdosta.edu

- No report

e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – Theresa Thompson

tthompson@valdosta.edu

- No report

f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary – Jay Rickman bjrickma@valdosta.edu

1. Announced formation of a Senate Nominations Committee. As required by the *Senate Bylaws* (Article I, Section 3), the Executive Secretary has appointed a committee to garner candidates to stand for election as the Senate’s 2010-2011 Executive Secretary. Senators Peggy Moch [plmoch@valdosta.edu], Nancy Scheetz [nascheet@valdosta.edu] and Diane Holliman [dhollim@valdosta.edu] have graciously agreed to serve on this committee, and Dr. Peggy Moch has agreed to chair the committee. The election will be held at the Senate’s March 25, 2010 meeting. Please contact a member of the committee if you are willing to stand for election. [Note: Jay Rickman cannot serve as Executive Secretary for 2010-2011 b/c the *Statutes* (Chapter 4, Article III, Section 3) prohibit a Senator from serving more than two consecutive years in the position of Executive Secretary.]

2. See Attachment B regarding a proposal from Dr. Sheri Gravett for Senate reconsideration of VSU’s “30 year rule” for undergraduate courses. Dr. Gravett notes that this rule is not required by either SACS or the BOR, and that VSU often receives requests to waive this requirement as older adults (i.e., non-traditional students) return to college to complete degrees begun when the student first graduated from high school. *Remanded to Educational Policies Committee for review.*

3. See Attachment C regarding a proposal from Dr. Richard Carter regarding whether VSU should return to an official “Advising Week” prior to the start of pre-registration or whether an “Advising Month” makes more sense for departments with Designated Advisors. *Remanded to Educational Policies Committee for review.*

4. Discussed with the Senate the preliminary planning on the search process for a new Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Executive Secretary Rickman has

been asked by President Schloss to chair a committee that will conduct a national search to fill this post. See Attachment D – Jay Rickman’s email regarding the search process.

- Mr. John Crawford, Vice President for University Advancement, announced that the Creative Design office will gradually be changing the “centennial logo” to the “V state” logo for letterhead, cards, etc.

4. Old Business

5. Discussion

6. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A:

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 12, 2009

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Rose Room on Monday, October 12, 2009. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presided. Members Present: Dr. Lai Orenduff, Dr. Marvin Smith, Dr. Bruce Caster, Dr. Lucia Lu, Dr. Deborah Weaver, Ms. Laura Wright, Dr. William Faux, Dr. Linda Jurczak, Dr. Frank Flaherty, Dr. Kathe Lowney, Dr. Ray Elson, Ms. Donna Cunningham, Dr. James Ernest, Dr. Iris Ellis, Dr. Melissa Benton, Dr. Mike Meacham, and Ms. Deborah VanPetten.

Members Absent: Dr. James Humphrey.

Visitors Present: Dr. Ofelia Nikolov, Dr. James Shrader, Mr. Mike Savoie, Dr. Wayne Plumly, Dr. Lyle Indergaard, Dr. Cheri Tillman, Dr. Chere Peguesse, and Mr. Lee Bradley.

The Minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting were approved by email on September 22, 2009. (pages 1-2).

A. College of Nursing

1. Revised course description and credit hours, Nursing (NURS) 7463, "Thesis", (THESIS – 3-6 credit hours, 3-6 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3-6 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010 with the effective term changed to Spring 2010. (pages 3-10).

B. College of the Arts

1. New course, Music (MUSC) 1211, "Secondary Class Piano", (SECONDARY CLASS PIANO – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010 with the description changed to read ...skills, piano techniques and solo...classical piano playing. May be repeated for credit.. (pages 11-15).

2. New course, Music (MUSC) 1411, "Secondary Class Voice", (SECONDARY CLASS VOICE – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010 with the description changed to read ...class that includes the basic skills of singing, vocal technique and solo performance; and the appreciation of the classical vocal artistry. May be repeated for credit.. (pages 16-21).

C. College of Business

1. Revised admission requirements for the College of Business were approved effective Fall Semester 2010 with the effective term with the effective term changed to Fall 2010. (pages 22-24).

2. New course, Economics (ECON) 3450, "Sports Economics", (SPORTS ECONOMICS – 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 ...Applications of microeconomic principles to the sports industry. The course emphasizes the industrial organization, public finance, and labor market outcomes of the sports industry. Topics include profit-maximization of sports franchises, broadcasting rights, competitive balance, the value of talent, and sports in the not-for-profit sector. (pages 25-31).

3. Revised course title and description, Marketing (MKTG) 4770, "Electronic Business", (ELECTRONIC BUSINESS – 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 ...3050. Introduction to the world of electronic...modern information technologies. (pages 32-34).

D. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Revised course title, VSU Freshman Orientation (VSU) 1101, "Keys to College Success", (KEYS TO COLLEGE SUCCESS – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010. (pages 35-37).

2. Revised course title and description, VSU Freshman Orientation (VSU) 1102, “Effective Leadership Skills”, (EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP SKILLS – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010 with the description changed to read ...program. Empowering students...in life. The course includes practical...growth and change, computer information.... (pages 38-41).

3. Revised course description, Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST) 3100, “Feminist Theory”, (FEMINIST THEORY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010. (pages 42-44).

4. New course, Perspective (PERS) 2160H, “Honors Perspectives on Leadership”, (HONORS PERSP ON LEADERSHIP – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2010. (pages 45-57).

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley Jones
Interim Registrar

ATTACHMENT B:

From: Sharon Gravett [sgravett@valdosta.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 1:23 PM
To: 'Jay Rickman'
Cc: 'Louis Levy'
Subject: reconsideration of the "30-year rule"?

Jay,

At its meeting yesterday, the Deans Council discussed the current "30-year rule" for undergraduate courses and recommended that it be referred to Faculty Senate for further consideration. That rule is as follows:

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATES (pg. 79 of 2009-2010 Undergraduate catalogue):

No degree credit at Valdosta State University can be granted for work completed 30 years before the date of request for evaluation of credits for graduation. Credit for work in some programs older than six years in advance of an expected date of graduation may be invalidated.

This rule is not required by SACS or BOR; however, it has been in effect at VSU for over twenty-five years. Requests to waive this requirement occur each year, particularly as adults return to school to complete degrees that they had been unable to finish when they first enrolled in college. Should this requirement be reconsidered or redefined?

Thanks,

Sheri

ATTACHMENT C:

From: Barney Rickman [bjrickma@valdosta.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 3:10 PM
To: 'Stanley Jones'; 'Louis H Levy'; 'J R Carter'
Cc: 'Dr. Patrick Schloss'; 'Sheri Gravett'; 'Sheri Gravett'; 'Karen Shepard'
Subject: RE: RE: Advising

Dear All,

I like Stanley's idea below, however, as a better solution. In the History Dept, we moved to "Designated Advisors" a few years ago and we do advising the month before the start of pre-registration. We announce this through class announcements, postings, and emails to our majors from their Designated Advisor. I am a Designated Advisor, and there is no way I could hold 30 minutes meetings w/ all of my advisees (around 110) during one week when I am still teaching, etc. In departments w/o Designated Advisors, then an Advising Week probably still makes sense. Perhaps, Stanley's email should encourage students to investigate whether their major does advising during one week or in the month prior to the start of pre-registration. Louis could also encourage Department Heads via the Department Heads Council to tell their faculty to announce advising (either an Advising Week or an Advising Month depending on the department) in their classes.

Best, Jay

Professor Barney "Jay" Rickman, Ph.D.; Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate
History Dept., Valdosta St. Univ., Valdosta, GA 31698-0035

-----Original Message-----

From: Stanley Jones [mailto:sjones@valdosta.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 8:27 AM
To: 'Louis H Levy'; 'J R Carter'
Cc: 'Barney Rickman'; 'Dr. Patrick Schloss'; 'Sheri Gravett'; 'Sheri Gravett'; 'Karen Shepard'
Subject: RE: RE: Advising

Good Morning, Dr. Levy:

We were asked a few years ago not to post an "advising week" on the calendar. Many students waited until that week to get advised. It created scheduling problems for large departments (undecided, education, business, etc.). Many students were not able to get advised prior to registration which created a great deal of anxiety. Most departments request email lists from me and they send emails to their students about making advising appointments.

I will be happy to send an email to students reminding them to make advising appointments as soon as possible. I can also add the "Advising Week" back to the calendar if you prefer.

Regards,
Stanley
Stanley Jones
Interim Registrar
Valdosta State University

Valdosta, GA 31698

-----Original Message-----

From: Louis H Levy [mailto:llevy@valdosta.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 7:15 PM
To: J R Carter; Stanley Jones
Cc: Barney Rickman; 'Dr. Patrick Schloss'; Sheri Gravett; Sheri Gravett
Subject: Re: RE: Advising

Stanley,

Please consider the message from Dr. Carter below. Contact my office on Monday so we can discuss. I think you already sent an email to students & faculty about early registration for spring semester. Perhaps an email from your office about required advising and the time frame for advising would be in order?

Louis

-----Original Message-----

From: "Richard Carter" <rcarter@valdosta.edu>
To: llevy@valdosta.edu
Cc: "'Dr. Patrick Schloss'" <pjschloss@valdosta.edu>
Sent: 10/2/09 4:04 PM
Subject: FW: Advising

Louis,

In past, the institution has designated a week for faculty to advise students about their course schedules for the following semester - this well in advance of early registration. This was very sound practice, in that it provided a standard time-frame for all - students, faculty and administration. Under this system, faculty, administrators, and staff could easily remind students - as I often did in class - to see their advisors and to take advantage of their advice during advising week, and notices were conspicuously posted about campus apprising students of advising week.

Everybody was on the same page. Obviously, we can't expect to notify students of the availability of advisement and to advise them effectively and in a timely manner, if we don't have a system that clearly establishes a time frame for advising that is well in advance of the early registration period. I fear we are asking for chaos by not adhering to this time-honored standard.

If VSU does still have a standard advising week, then I respectfully request that it be enforced by the administration.

If VSU does not still recognize a standard advising week, then I respectfully request that we consider re-establishing that time-honored custom, for the reasons cited above.

Respectfully,

Richard

J. Richard Carter, Ph.D.
Professor and Curator of the Herbarium (VSC)
Biology Department
Valdosta State University
Valdosta, GA 31698-0015

ATTACHMENT D:

Search & Screen Committee for Provost / Vice President of Academic Affairs

Two weeks ago, President Schloss announced Dr. Louis Levy's retirement from VSU effective January 1, 2010, and that VSU would immediately begin forming a search committee for this position. On November 5, President Schloss asked me to chair this committee, and in the last two weeks, I have been meeting with the President and others (such as the faculty members on the Senate Executive Committee) to discuss the composition of the search committee as well as a timeline to have a new Provost/VPAA in place by July 1, 2010.

Below you will find (1) the timeline for the committee, (2) the committee's structure, (3) the committee's membership, and (4) the vacancy announcement as it appeared in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, and *Inside HigherEd*.

I will discuss the information below with the Senate at its meeting on November 19 at 3:30 pm in the Magnolia Room of the University Center.

Best, Jay

Professor Barney "Jay" Rickman, Ph.D.; Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate
History Dept., Valdosta St. Univ., Valdosta, GA 31698-0035 <http://valdosta.edu/~bjrickma/>

Timeline (approximate)

- **November 27** - First advertisement of the position appears in higher education job postings (i.e., *Chronicle*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, etc.)
- **November 30** - President Schloss delivers the charge to the Search & Screen Committee
- **January 8** - Second advertisement of the position appears in higher education job postings (i.e., *Chronicle*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, etc.)
- **February 1** - Applications and nominations due
- **March 1 (week of)** - Airport Interviews of approximately 6-8 candidates by 5 members of committee plus committee chair, secretary, and Ms. Boyd from President's Office
- **April 1 (week of)** - Campus Interviews (approximately 4-6 candidates); four unranked names of finalist forwarded to the President
- **May 1** - Candidate selected by the President
- **July 1** - Target start date

Committee structure

- Search Chair - Dr. Jay Rickman, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate
- Deans' Council representative - selected by the Interim Provost and VPAA
- Department Heads' Council representative - selected by the Department Heads' Council
- Faculty - six representatives - selected by the Search Chair in consultation with faculty members on Senate Executive Committee
- Student Government Association representative - selected by the Student Government Association
- Graduate Student representative - selected by the Interim Dean of the Graduate School
- VSU Foundation Board representative - selected by the VSU Foundation Board

- Staff Representative from Division of Finance and Administration - selected by the Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration
- Division of Student Affairs - selected by the Vice President for Student Affairs
- Division of Information Technology - selected by the Director of Information Technology
- Vice President - selected by the President
- Representative from Registrar's Office - selected by the President
- Secretary to the Search - selected by the Search Chair

Committee Membership

#	Representing	Selected By	Representative	Department
1	Search Chair	President	Dr. Jay Rickman	Faculty Senate
2	Deans Council	Interim Provost and VPAA	Dr. Marty Giddings	Social Work
3	Department Heads	Department Heads Council	Dr. Rey Martinez	Adult & Career Ed.
	Faculty (6 people)	Faculty Senate Executive Committee		
4	Faculty	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Dr. Zulal Denaux	Marketing & Economics
5	Faculty	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Dr. Deborah Weaver	Nursing
6	Faculty	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Dr. Barry Hojjatie	Astronomy, Physics, & Geosciences
7	Faculty	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Dr. Cristobal Serran-Pagan y Fuentes	Philosophy & Religious Studies
8	Faculty	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Mr. Michael Schmidt	Art
9	Faculty	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Ms. Emily Rogers	Library
10	Undergraduate Students	Student Government Association	Ms. Morgan Alexander	Student Government
11	Graduate Students	Interim Dean of the Graduate School	Ms. Rebecca Hodgson	Grad Student - Psychology & Counseling
12	VSU Foundation	VP for University Advancement	Mr. Jerry Jennett	VSU Foundation
13	Staff Representative	Interim VP for Finance and Administration	Ms. Jan Fackler	Financial Services
14	Division of Student Affairs	VP for Student Affairs	Dr. Kimberly Tanner	Access Office
15	Division of Information Technology	Director of Information Technology	Mr. Joe Newton	Information Technology

16	Vice Presidents	President	Mr. John Crawford	University Advancement
17	Registrar	President	Mr. Stanley Jones	Registrar
18	Secretary to the Search	Search Chair	Dr. Kristina Cragg	Strategic Research

Vacancy Announcement:

Valdosta State University seeks applications and nominations for the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA). In his first two years as President of the 12,000 student Master's I institution, Patrick J. Schloss has initiated a comprehensive review of the institution's academic and administrative focus. Specific attention has been given to shared governance and enhanced efficiencies. Initial activities have included redirection of funds to academic priorities such as: graduate student support, faculty reassigned time, academic and scientific equipment, and instructional/research infrastructure. Early achievements have included an 8% enrollment increase, expanded research productivity, and stronger civic engagement. Aside from responsibilities typical of a Provost and Chief Academic Officer, the successful candidate will partner in this change.

One of two regional universities in the University System of Georgia, VSU is located in Valdosta, Georgia, a metropolitan area along the Florida-Georgia border in south central Georgia. The campus is noted for its Spanish mission architecture and natural beauty.

Required Qualifications

Terminal degree from a regionally accredited university; rank of professor or equivalent with a distinguished record of scholarship; increasingly complex administrative appointments, including the management of a complex academic unit, comparable to the college of a Master's I or higher institution; demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity and affirmative action.

Desirable Qualifications

The successful candidate is expected to have: advanced the mission of a comprehensive Master's university within a state system of higher education; established a strong record of teaching, research, and service; been effective in engaging diverse constituencies; a demonstrated reputation for integrity and collegiality; taken bold action reflecting an empirical orientation to innovation; experience with technology planning and infusion; and been effective in building consensus, communicating change, overcoming resistance, and evaluating the impact of change.

Application/Nomination Procedures: All applications or expressions of interest will be handled confidentially until a list of individuals to be invited for interviews has been identified. Applications should consist of an academic résumé, application form (http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/documents/Faculty_Employment_APP.pdf), and the names, addresses (including e-mail addresses), and telephone numbers of four references. References will not be contacted without prior approval of the candidate. While applications will be accepted until a successful candidate has been identified, interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials by February 1, 2010, to receive full consideration. The preferred date of appointment is July 1, 2010.

Application materials may be sent to Search for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, c/o Strategic Research & Analysis, Valdosta State University, 1500 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31698-0179. Materials may be submitted via email to Dr. Kristina M. Cragg, Secretary for the Search (kmcragg@valdosta.edu). VSU is an equal opportunity educational institution.

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. Gaumont	J. Gaston
M. Giddings	P. Gunter
K. Hull	*A. Hufft
K. Keppler	T. Martin
W. Plumly(absent)	C. Richards

College of Arts:

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

College of Arts & Sciences:

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

College of Business Administration:

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

College of Education:

K. Adams	C. Conner	B. Dixey
G. Doepker	M. Gorham-Rowan(absent)	R. Hannibal(absent)
*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:

Jason Kassel for Daniel Baracskey
Nolan Argyle for Jerry Merwin
Gina Doepker for Alicja Rieger
Ofelia Nikolova for Ransom Gladwin
Chuck Talor for Steven Kohn
Lai Orenduff for Danielle Harmon
Michael Elliott for Paul Neal
Deborah Weaver for Anita Hufft
Cliff Lipscomb for Attila Cseh

Visitors:

Stanley Jones, Registrar
Honey Coppage, Academic Affairs
Sheri Gravett, Academic Affairs
Kristina Cragg, Strategic Research