



FACULTY SENATE

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Agenda

May 18, 2006

The Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, May 18, 2006 in the **MAGNOLIA ROOM** at 3:30 p.m.

Items in **bold print** are items that require action by the Faculty Senate. Other items are for information only.

Special Request: At the request of the University President and Executive Secretary of the Senate, any actions from the Senate sent to the Executive Secretary for approval after the Senate votes should be accompanied by a written document with the rationale and purpose of the decision.

1. Call to Order by Dr. Ron Zaccari
For the benefit of record keeping, senators and visitors will please identify themselves when speaking to an issue during the meeting. Please use the microphones to assist with accurate recording. All senators must sign the roster in order to be counted present
2. **Approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2006 meeting of the Faculty Senate.** These may be found at: <http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/facsen/Minutes/060420min.pdf>
3. New business
 - a. Report from the Academic Committee – Louis Levy
 - b. Report from the Committee on Committees – Elaine Yontz
 - c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – Richard Schmertzinger
 - d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – John Hummel
 - e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – Stephen Lahr

f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary – Mike Meacham

(1) Academic Probation and Suspension (see EPC Appendix “A”)

(2) Statement

4. Old Business

a. Standing Committee End of the Year Reports

(1) Academic Scheduling and Procedures - Williams, Marty

(2) Academic Honors and Scholarships - Davey, Michael

(3) Athletics - Briehl, Debbie

(4) Educational Policies - Schmidt, Michael

(5) Environmental Issues - Bergstrom, Brad

(6) Faculty Development and Research - Aronson-Friedman, Amy or representative

(7) Library Affairs - Fenster, Mark

(8) Minority and Diversity Issues - Bowland, Julie

(9) Student Activities - McCurdy, Kevin

(10) Student Services - Tilman, Cheri

(11) Technology - Leech, Don

5. Discussion

6. Adjournment

EPC Appendix 'A'

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

Valdosta State University seeks to provide an environment suitable for promoting the systematic pursuit of learning. To ensure this primary goal, the University requires of its students reasonable academic progress. The retention of those students who repeatedly demonstrate a lack of ability, industry, maturity, and preparation would be inconsistent with this requirement.

Academic probation serves as the initial notice that the student’s performance is not currently meeting the minimum grade point average required for graduation. Continued performance at this level will result in the student’s being placed on academic suspension. Academic probation is designed to serve three purposes: (1) to make clear to all concerned the inadequacy of a student’s performance; (2) to provide occasion for necessary counseling; and (3) to give students whose success is in doubt additional opportunity to demonstrate performance.

Academic suspension is imposed as a strong indication that the student incurring such suspension should withdraw from the University, at least for a time, to reconsider the appropriateness of a college career or to make necessary fundamental adjustments in attitudes toward the academic demands of college.

I. Stages of Progress with Minimum Grade Point Averages Required

An individual’s stage of progress is determined on the basis of the number of academic semester hours attempted, including those transferred from other institutions. Transfer credits are not included in computing grade-point averages.

Semester Hours attempted at VSU and hours transferred to VSU	Cumulative grade-point average required on VSU courses
1 - 29	1.60
30 -59	1.75
60 - 89	1.90
90 - graduation	2.00

II. Academic Probation

A student will be placed on academic probation if, at the end of any semester while the student is in good standing, the cumulative GPA falls below the minimum specified in the table above or the semester GPA falls below 2.00. Even though a student on probation is making some progress toward graduation, it should be clearly understood that without immediate academic improvement, suspension may result.

III. Academic Suspension *(yellow: current catalog language)*

III. Academic Suspension and Academic Dismissal *(blue: proposed change)*

- a. A student will be suspended if at the end of any term, while on academic probation, the cumulative GPA falls below the minimum specified in the table above, and the term GPA falls below 2.00.

- b. A first suspension will be for one semester. (See readmission procedures below.)
- c. A second suspension shall be for two academic semesters.
- d. A third or subsequent suspension shall be for one calendar year.
- d. A third or subsequent suspension shall result in the student being academically dismissed from the institution for a minimum period of five years.
- e. Should another institution permit a student on suspension from Valdosta State University to enroll, work taken at that institution during any period of suspension shall not be counted as degree credit at Valdosta State University unless prior approval was obtained from the student's Dean at Valdosta State University.
- f. Any Valdosta State University students on academic suspension may enroll during any summer term at VSU; however, they must schedule and complete two 3-hour courses with a minimum GPA of 2.0 to lift suspension.
- f. Only fall and/or spring semesters count as "sit out" semesters.

IV. Right of Appeal

Upon appeal by the student, the dean or director of the respective academic unit in which the student is enrolled has the authority to waive the first or second suspension if unusual circumstances warrant. The third suspension can be appealed only by petition to the Admissions Advisory Committee.

V. Readmission Procedures

Students must make application for readmission in writing to the Director of Admissions prior to registration for the semester in which they plan to return. Following the first or second suspension, readmission on probation may be granted for unusual and compelling reasons by the dean or director of the college or division in which the student was enrolled at the time of suspension. A suspended student readmitted on probation may have specific academic requirements imposed by the Admissions Advisory Committee or by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. A petition to the Committee and personal appearance before the Committee are required. Any further appeals must be made by petition directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. A student accepted for readmission, suspended at the end of the last term of attendance, who does not reenroll will remain on academic suspension.