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Agenda October 16, 2008

The Faculty Senate will meet on Thursday, October 16, 2008 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 Senate's Executive Committee, any actions sent to the Executive Secretary for possible inclusion in the Senate agenda should be accompanied by a written document with the rationale and purpose of the decision. The Executive Committee requests that these documents be submitted via email as Word.doc attachments.

1. Call to Order by Dr. Patrick J. Schloss
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 September 18, 2008 meeting of the Faculty Senate.**
http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/documents/Senate_Minutes_2008-09-18.pdf
3. New business
 - a. Report from the Academic Committee – Louis Levy llevy@valdosta.edu
 - b. Report from the Committee on Committees – Steven Kohn sjkohn@valdosta.edu
 - c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – Vesta Whisler
vrwhisler@valdosta.edu
 - d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – Ruth Renee Hannibal
rrhannib@valdosta.edu **See Attachment A** for FAC's review of the two items remanded to it at the September 18, 2008 Senate meeting.
 - e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – Theresa Thompson
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 - f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary – Jay Rickman bjrickma@valdosta.edu

1. **See Attachment B regarding revised University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC) Bylaws. The Drafting Committee of the USGFC has asked each**

USG unit to endorse these Bylaws which have been revised based on feedback from USG faculty representative bodies in spring 2008.

2. Presentation to the Senate from Vice President for University Advancement John Crawford on proposed capital campaign for VSU

3. Planning for Senate participation in proposed Staff Appreciation Week (November 17-21, 2008). Any Senator who has an idea on how the faculty in general and the Senate in particular can show appreciation for staff are asked to share their ideas with the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

7. Old Business

8. Discussion

Under the *Senate Bylaws* <http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/documents/bylaws2008.pdf> (Section 7, Paragraph 5), a member of the General Faculty, student body, staff, or administration can speak to the Senate for a specific purpose if a simple majority of the Senators present so approves. Representatives from S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment) have asked to be allowed to make a brief presentation to the Senate to explain the following proposal for a Green Fee.

A Green Fee is a student fee that students elect to pay to create a budget for sustainability and energy efficiency projects throughout the VSU campus. Projects such as purchasing individual metering units for each building to gauge energy waste, creating a "grey water system" to save water resources that have been in severe shortage, and purchasing renewable energy technologies to begin placing electricity on the grid are a few ways that a Green Fee can help lead the Southeast in making the necessary changes to address our current climate and energy crises. Students are willing to take a strong stance and initiative to fund this budget for improvements to the infrastructure of Valdosta State immediately and the Green Fee is a way that this can be accomplished while at the same time saving a significant amount of money for the university. S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment) are looking for support from the Faculty Senate, the University Council, the Student Government Association, and the VSU Administration to help students build a future for VSU...a clean, green, and just energy future.

Although setting student fees is outside the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate, if the Senators present on October 16 wish to do so, the Senate could consider a non-binding resolution of support for the concept of a Green Fee as proposed by the S.A.V.E. representatives.

9. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT A:

Response by Faculty Affairs Committee to the proposed changes to (1) the Annual Faculty Activity Report, Action Plan, and (2) Annual Evaluation at its October 2, 2008 meeting.

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/documents/FEMfinal.pdf>

See sections in italics and underlined for proposed new sections.

Annual Evaluation

After the faculty member has completed the Annual Faculty Activity Report and Action Plan, the faculty member's department/unit head will complete an Annual Evaluation. This document should evaluate the faculty member's performance in the areas of teaching and instruction, professional growth and productivity, and college and community service. It should also include recommendations if activity in any given area is determined to need improvement. Attention should be given in cases where a faculty member has any form of load adjustment related to their duties within the department. The department/unit head should address the faculty member's planning and goals for the following year and determine if they are aligned with departmental, college, and university goals, and if they are prioritized in a manner that facilitates appropriate levels of activity that may lead to tenure and promotion.

Faculty Activity Reports and supporting documentation will be housed in the department/unit of the faculty member. Copies of the Annual Evaluation document will be forwarded to the appropriate dean and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Schedule for Annual Faculty Activity Report, Action Plan, and Annual Evaluation

First semester of employment: *New faculty members meet with department/unit heads to discuss the Faculty Evaluation Model and departmental expectations.

Any faculty member who received unsatisfactory ratings on any section of their annual evaluation shall meet with the department head on or before September 15 of the Fall semester to discuss progress since the evaluation.

End of fall semester: *All faculty members complete and submit faculty activity report and action plan.

February: *Department/unit heads meet with all faculty members to go over annual evaluations and action plans.

Appendix C

Annual Faculty Activity Report and Action Plan

Faculty Member: _____

Department/Division: _____

Year: _____

The Annual Faculty Activity Report, Action Plan, and Annual Evaluation document plays an important role for faculty, departments, and the units within the university as part of strategic planning and development. This document is also a critical component of the promotion and tenure process for faculty; it serves as the primary source of information for the university annual report and as a means to evaluate individual units' progress toward meeting strategic goals. Individual programs and departments should develop policies that address specific components of the report such as allocation of loads for service or special assignments. It is important that research and scholarly activities be discussed in departments and colleges so that listings of activities are clearly and consistently reported across the unit.

Faculty members completing this form should make every effort clearly to address all of the areas within this document that relate to *the individual's* responsibilities at the university. Activities should be listed only once within the report; do not include the same activity in two different categories. (*Part-time Faculty complete only Section A*).

The role definitions in this document are adapted from Raoul A. Arreola's *Developing a Comprehensive Faculty Evaluation System*. Bolton, MA: Anker, 1995

ATTACHMENT B:

University System of Georgia Faculty Council Bylaws

Revised on: August 20, 2008

Drafted By:

Alberto, Paul (Georgia State University), Combler, Elizabeth (North Georgia College & State University), Hancock, Thomas (Georgia Gwinnett College), Johnson, Kerri (Darton College), Lightfoot, Robert (Waycross College), Settini, John (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College), Smith, Margaret (Bainbridge College), Turner, Craig (Georgia College & State University), Vencill, William (University of Georgia), West, Leanne (The Georgia Institute of Technology)

Section I: Name

The name of the body hereby constituted is the University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC).

Section II: Mission

The purpose of the University System of Georgia Faculty Council is to promote and foster the welfare of system faculty, in non-collective bargaining issues, through the combined creativity and expertise of faculty representatives from system institutions.

Section III: Responsibilities and Functions

The USGFC will participate in the process of University System of Georgia governance by advising, recommending, and consulting with the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee(s) concerning the establishment of rules and regulations deemed necessary or appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare of the University System of Georgia.

The USGFC will formulate and recommend to the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee(s) University System of Georgia policies and procedures related to but not exclusive to system faculty.

The USGFC will develop and maintain a system-wide communications network to provide for efficient transmission of relevant information to faculty.

Section IV: Voting

1. Each institution within the USG shall have one vote on any matter brought before the USGFC and that vote shall be cast by the voting representative or designee.
2. A voting member may designate an alternate to a meeting that the member cannot attend.
3. Any decisions or recommendations by the USGFC must receive majority approval from each of the three institutional tiers (research, four-year, and two-year school) groupings.

4. Voting normally takes place during a meeting of the USGFC. However, voting may also take place by electronic communication or other means as determined by the officers in consultation with the membership of the USGFC.

Section V: Membership

Membership of the USGFC will be comprised of one voting representative from each participating system institution. The representative for a participating institution must be a member of that institution's faculty body and selected by a process determined by the faculty unit of that institution. In addition to attending USGFC meetings in person, the council also permits participation via video or phone conferencing methods.

Section VI: Officers and Duties

1. Officers: The officers of the USGFC shall be a Chair and a Chair-Elect, who shall become Chair the following year. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the USGFC.
2. Eligibility: Only voting members of the USGFC are eligible to serve as officers.
3. Nomination and Election: At any meeting the USGFC will nominate at least one candidate for any vacant office. The officers shall be elected as described above in Section IV.
4. Terms of Service: The term of service of an officer of the USGFC shall begin at the conclusion of the meeting at which (s)he is elected and end when his/her successor is named, and shall typically be one academic year.
5. Duties: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the USGFC. The Chair-Elect shall prepare minutes of each meeting. The primary duty of the officers shall be to communicate recommendations and decisions to the USG Chancellor or Chancellor's designee. The chair and chair-elect shall prepare the agenda in consultation with the USGFC members.

Section VII: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the USGFC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the USGFC may adopt.

Section VIII: Amendments

Any proposal to amend or repeal these Bylaws shall be submitted to the officers in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the USGFC at which they will be discussed. The voting shall be conducted in compliance with Section IV.