The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Rose Room on Monday, March 7, 2011. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Iris Ellis (Proxy for Dr. Lai Orenduff), Dr. Lucia Lu, Dr. Deborah Weaver, Ms. Laura Wright, Dr. Linda Jurczak, Dr. Kathe Lowney (Proxy for Dr. Frank Flaherty), Dr. Kathe Lowney, Dr. Nicole Gibson, Dr. Iris Ellis, Dr. Carol Rossiter, and Ms. Laura Wright (Proxy for Ms. Deborah VanPetten).

Members Absent: Dr. Lai Orenduff, Dr. Luis Bejarano, Dr. Nathan Moates, Mr. Michael Elliot, Dr. Frank Flaherty, Dr. Ray Elson, Dr. Donna Cunningham, Dr. Melissa Benton, Dr. Selen Lauterbach, and Ms. Deborah VanPetten.

Visitors Present: Dr. Patrick Biddix, Dr. Jerry Merwin, Mr. Jon Sizemore, Dr. James Shrader, Dr. Mary Ellen Dallman, Ms. Marsha Walden, Dr. Mark Smith, Dr. Christine James, Mr. Philip Allen, and Mr. Lee Bradley.

The Minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting were approved by email on February 17, 2011. (pages 1-7).

A. **College of the Arts**

1. New course, Perspective (PERS) 2360, “The Development of Rock and Roll”, (DEV ROCK & ROLL – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2011 with the effective date changed from Summer to Fall. (pages 8-13). ***BOR General Education Council approval***

B. **College of Education**

1. Revised catalogue copy – admission requirements for the MED in Educational Leadership – Tracks – Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs was approved effective Fall Semester 2011. (pages 14-16).

2. Revised catalogue copy – admission deadline for the MED in Educational Leadership – Tracks – Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs was approved effective Fall Semester 2011. (pages 17-19).

C. **College of Arts and Sciences**

1. Delivery notification of the BGS degree – changing to online was noted effective Fall Semester 2011. (pages 33-47). ***BOR and SACS***

2. New course, English (ENGL) 2010, “Writing in the Professions”, (WRITING IN THE PROFESSIONS – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2011 with the spelling of “focused” corrected in the justification. (pages 21-32).

D. **Miscellaneous**

1. New degree program proposal for the BS in Organizational Leadership was approved effective Fall Semester 2011. ***BOR and SACS***

2. Strategic Focus and New Academic Program funding request process was noted with the following changes/suggestions:
   a. In Step One, “DECLARATION OF INTENT”
      Combine bullet points one and two
      New bullet point two: “Dean should send notification of intent to the Office of Strategic Research and Analysis (SRA) so proposed program may be added to the Academic Program Forecast.”
      Bullet Point Three: “Twice yearly, the Academic Program Forecast will be shared by the SRA with the Academic Committee. This forecast will appear in the minutes forwarded to the Faculty Senate.”

   b. In Step Two: “ACADEMIC COMMITTEE”
      Eliminate current block and replace with - NEW STEP TWO: STRATEGIC FOCUS
      New bullet point one: If programs wish to request one-time planning funds through the Strategic Focus process, the program must appear on the Academic Program Forecast as seen by the Academic Committee and Faculty Senate. (page 48).
Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar