



FACULTY SENATE Est. 1991

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Patrick J. Schloss

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Louis Levy

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Agenda November 19, 2009

The Faculty Senate will meet on Thursday, November 19, 2009 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 October 15, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate.**

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

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.]

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

c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – Danielle Harmon
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d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – Paul Neal paneal@valdosta.edu

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. Announce 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. *Remand 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. *Remand to Educational Policies Committee for review.*

4. Discuss 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.

4. Old Business

5. Discussion

6. Adjournment

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

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-----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
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-----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

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