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Peggy Moch  
**President**

Mike Holt  
**Vice President/  
President Elect**

Sudip Chakraborty  
**Secretary**

Sean Lennon  
**Parliamentarian**

Michael Noll  
**Past President**

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**Agenda**  
**March 24, 2016, 3:30 pm**  
**University Center Magnolia Room**

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 President 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.

For the benefit of record keeping, we ask that senators and visitors 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. If you have a senator's proxy, please place their name tag beside your name tag on the table in front of you.

1. Call to Order – Peggy Moch
  - a. Update on non-renewal individuals:
    - i. 6 faculty have used \$8122.76 for travel from the support fund as of 2/11/2016
    - ii. 2 staff were able to be relocated to new positions within VSU
    - iii. 3 non-renewal letters have been rescinded
  - b. USG Faculty Council will be hosted by VSU and attended by the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor on 4/15/2016
  - c. Election of new Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Parliamentarian for 2016-2017 – notice of need for nominations are to be made at the March 2016 meeting and the election will be held at the April 2016 meeting per the FS Bylaws
  - d. All statutory and standing committee end of year reports for 2015-2016 are due to the FS President no later than April 30, 2016.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate.**  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php> (See link here for minutes for all faculty senate meetings).
3. Reading of proxies obtained prior to the meeting; Request additional proxies for those not given from Senators in attendance – Sudip Chakraborty.

**Note:** Please send an email to Sudip Chakraborty ([schakraborty@valdosta.edu](mailto:schakraborty@valdosta.edu)) regarding proxies a minimum of one (1) week prior to the scheduled Faculty Senate meeting or as soon as possible if an unexpected absence needs to occur.

4. Interim VSU President, Dr. Cecil Staton: VSU Updates
5. Old & Unfinished Business
  - a. Statutory Committee Reports
    - i. **Academic Committee** – Sheri Gravett; Report located at <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>
    - ii. Committee on Committees – Kalina Winska: Progress on assignments?
    - iii. Faculty Affairs – Alicja Rieger: Progress on assignments?
    - iv. Faculty Grievance Committee – Patti Campbell: Any report?
    - v. Institutional Planning Committee – Donald Thieme: Any report?
  - b. Meeting minutes from the various committees should be sent to FS Secretary (Sudip Chakraborty ([schakraborty@valdosta.edu](mailto:schakraborty@valdosta.edu))) to be uploaded to the Faculty Senate website **AND** to the library ([archives@valdosta.edu](mailto:archives@valdosta.edu)) with “Archives Faculty Senate Papers” in the subject line. Minutes from 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 meetings from the various committees should be sent so these documents can be archived properly. Please label minutes documents as shown in the following examples:
    - i. Technology\_Minutes\_04-29-2015
    - ii. Academic\_Honors\_and\_Scholarship\_Minutes\_08-28-2015Thank you for your assistance in getting and keeping our records up to date. ☺
  - c. Work is continuing on the updating of the VSU Statutes. The proposed statutes are under review by the Vice Presidents and the University Attorney. Senate leadership has respectfully requested a proposed completion date.
6. New Business
  - a. Standing Committee Reports: No reports received
    - i. Academic Honors & Scholarships – Han Chen
    - ii. Environmental Issues – Arsalan Wares
    - iii. Educational Policies – Jacob M. Jewusiak
    - iv. Faculty Scholarship – Maura Schlairet – Received Bylaws
    - v. Library Affairs – Michelle Ann Ocasio
    - vi. Internationalization and Globalization Committee – Fleming Bell
    - vii. Diversity and Equity – Karen Acosta
    - viii. Student Affairs – Kelly Davidson Devall
    - ix. Technology Committee – Mike Holt
  - b. Academic Scheduling & Procedures – Katharine Lamb: Columbus Day removed from VSU calendar.
  - c. Athletic Committee – Peggy Moch: FAR recommendation forwarded to Provost.
  - d. **Propose to amend the senate meeting schedule so that the May meeting is simply an online compilation of end of the year reports from each statutory and standing committee submitted to the FS President by the end of April.**
  - e. **Resolution Against Firearms on Campus (Attachment A).**

f. Elections for 1) President-Elect/Vice President, 2) Secretary, and 3) Parliamentarian will be held at the April meeting. SOMEONE has to step up and do each of these jobs. Please let the CoCo Chair, Kalina Winska, know if you are interested in serving on the FS Executive Committee for any of the seats available.

7. General Discussion

8. Adjournment

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE**

**RESOLUTION**

(APRIL 2012, MARCH 2016)

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A STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONCEALED CARRY OF FIREARMS ON CAMPUS

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- WHEREAS, universities are unique environments that function as institutions of higher learning with a clearly stated purpose to promote and facilitate the discovery, application and dissemination of knowledge and
- WHEREAS, allowing concealed carry permit holders to bring firearms on university grounds or into classrooms threatens the progress of education and the expression of ideas by imposing lethal weaponry within a place that harbors vigorous and often heated academic discussion and
- WHEREAS, scientific research suggests human cognitive risk assessment capabilities are not fully developed before the age of twenty-five years-old, thus predisposing the majority population of college students to impaired judgment and vulnerabilities not equally represented in the population at large and
- WHEREAS, Georgia educational and law enforcement professionals believe that prohibiting firearms on college campuses, except by campus police and trained security officers, is an essential element of those schools' safety plans and
- WHEREAS, lawfully sanctioned concealed carry of firearms shifts the responsibility of protecting lives from the university police department to private individuals who lack sufficient proper training and
- WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia administration, faculty, student groups and law enforcement have repeatedly opposed measures allowing firearms on campus and
- RECOGNIZING, legislation requiring the university to adopt policies that allow the concealed carry of firearms on university grounds will impose additional monetary responsibilities, which are not met by state funding, and will likely be paid through increased tuition and fees and
- WHEREAS, no provisions have been made for the safe storage of firearms in resident halls or classrooms, nor have administrative or disciplinary policies been drafted regarding theft, accidental discharge, unintentional shootings or the likely increase of firearm use while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and
- WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of Valdosta State University is responsible for being a voice for students, faculty, staff and administration personnel on issues relating to campus safety and general well being and

WHEREAS,

all students, faculty, staff and administration personnel at VSU have the right to learn and work in a safe environment free from concealed firearms and

THEREFORE,

be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Valdosta State University opposes any bill put forth by the State of Georgia that could prohibit universities and community colleges from banning the carrying of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on the grounds and in any building of universities and community colleges in the State of Georgia.