



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

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Chairman **Vice Chairman** **Executive Secretary** **Parliamentarian**
President H. C. Bailey Vice President L. Levy Dr. R. Hull Dr David Boyd

Minutes of November 15, 2001

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. in the Powell Hall Auditorium.
Members present were:

H.C. Bailey, President
L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs
R. Hull, Executive Secretary
D. Boyd, Parliamentarian

Ex-Officio Senators:

J. Brignati	R. Mast (absent)
R. Devery (absent)	L. Milbrandt
R. Barnette	T. Reed (absent)
K. Stanley (proxy R. Allen)	M.A. Reichenbach
E. Clark (absent)	P. Allen
G. Gaumont	N. Argyle
P. Cleveland (absent)	

College of the Arts:

F. Barnas	J. Hornsby
M. Savoie	P. McNeill (proxy M. Savoie)
D. Brooks (absent)	L. Indergaard
M. Morris	

College of Arts and Sciences:

T. Manning (proxy D. Boyd)	B. Bergstrom	B. Derrick	J. Elza
C. Johnson (absent)	M. Laughlin	J. Petrella (absent)	D. Robinson
E. Sheeley	V. Soady (absent)	T. Thompson	K. Rumstay
L. Hanes(absent)	T. Meyers(absent)	D. Bogyo (proxy E. Sheeley)	A. Lazari (absent)
D. Sewell	M. Smith (absent)	D Boyd	C. Walker (absent)
S. Childs	J. Kinney	M. Richard	C. Hand

College of Business Administration:

M. Holland (proxy B. Caster)	B. Caster	R. Allen	P. Fadil
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College of Education:

L. Carter	G. Langford	A. Recesso	F. Smith (absent)
M. Garber	J. Hummel	R. McClung	L. Wiley
L. Moore	S. Andrews	B. Hull (absent)	A. Brovey
M. Maina (proxy M. Garber)	J. Siegrist	D. Briihl (Proxy L. Wiley))	D. Judd (proxy S. Andrews)
R. Baretta			

College of Nursing:

L. Marinelli

D. Ebron

D. Weaver

Division of Social Work:

M. Meacham (absent)

Odum Library:

S. Thomas

K. Smith

Visitors:

1. Call to Order - H. Bailey called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of the October 18, 2001 Senate minutes – The minutes were approved.**
3. Unfinished Business - D. Robinson moved to approve the Proposed Outdoor Lightning Policy (copy attached) which was sent to each senator before the November meeting, seconded. **The motion was approved.** This report is included as Attachment #1.
J. Brignati read the following statement:

“After several meetings with Dr. Bergstrom and the EIC, I am giving my support to this policy with the following provisions. One, it is first a safety and security policy. Safety and security will not be sacrificed even if the lights are not in compliance with the policy. Secondly. This policy is more a guideline since we are all still learning about various types of lights, wattage, lumens and efficiency of bulbs. We will hire a lightning consultant to help us in that area and evolve this guideline to a working policy.

Many lights current on campus probably do not comply with what we are passing today and this is known by the EIC and does not present a problem for them. All changes to the lights which are currently in place are a function of time and money. As a result, there is no specific time to complete all the changes. It should be noted that many of the lights on campus are owned by Georgia Power and we will work with them in an attempt to bring their lights into compliance.

I also informed Dr. Leake, that if observation of a particular event in the sky could be enhanced by turning some lights off, I would do my best to enhance the viewing. Extra security would have to be hired during the event so that safety would not be compromised.

If this is the intent of the Faculty Senate in adopting this policy, then I will wholeheartedly support it.” This statement is included as Attachment #2.

4. New Business
 - a. Report from the Academic Committee - L. Levy stated the Committee had met, the minutes will be delayed for approval until the next meeting.

- b. Report from the Committee on Committees – D. Weaver reported that the Committee is waiting for a report from the College of Arts and Sciences on the outcomes of their three elections. Upon notification of those results the corrected Senate Roster for 2001-2002 will be posted. Also the representative to the committee dealing with animal research will be appointed once they know the complete slate of senators. This report is included as Attachment #3.
 - c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee - F. Barnas reported during the November 2001 meeting the Committee moved to revise the VSU Mission Statement. This change will be proposed to the Faculty Senate during the Senate's February 2002 meeting. There is also an effort within the committee to update its website. This report is included as Attachment #4.
 - d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – E. Sheeley reported that the Committee met on November 5, 2001. The Committee continues to work on addressing an issue that was assigned to the committee last year regarding student grade appeals and grade assignments. Attempting to create a document which specifies procedures and time limits for grade appeals and grade changes which is not presently in place. The committee has completed a preliminary document that is being reviewed by the committee members, they hope to have a completed document for consideration by the Senate at the February 2002 meeting. This report is included as Attachment #5.
 - e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – A. Brovey stated there was no report.
 - f. Report from Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee - Ms. Garber moved to approve the Academic Calendar for Spring 2003, seconded, **the motion was approved**. The calendar is included as Attachment #6.
 - g. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary - R. Hull, given by D. Boyd for the absent R. Hull.
 - 1. Use of card swipes for purposes of Examination Identification sent to Educational Policies Committee
5. General Discussion - L. Levy reported that the Institutional Planning Committee is looking at the mission statement since VSU mentions Georgia Southern and they do not mention VSU. The mission statement needs to be brought into alignment - either both schools mention each other or neither mentions the other. J. Hummel announced that the College of Education had successfully completed the NCATE this week. H. Bailey noted that all 6 stages had been met for accrediting.
6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.