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**Executive Secretary**  
Dr. D. Boyd

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### Minutes of October 21, 1999

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. in Powell Hall Auditorium. Members present were: President and Chair - Hugh C. Bailey; Vice President, Academic Affairs - L. Benjamin (absent); Executive Secretary - D. Boyd; Parliamentarian - R. Hull; Ex-officio Senators - J. Brignati (absent), K. Ferrell (absent), L. Milbrandt, T. Dasher (absent), K. Stanley (absent), F.D. Toth (absent), M.A. Reichenbach (absent), E. Clark, G. Gaumont (proxy E. Clark), P. Cleveland (absent); College of the Arts: V. Pennington, C. Edwards (absent), M. Harbin (absent), T. Harding, D. Farwell (absent), J. Wheeler; College of Arts and Sciences; S. Goel (absent), J. Hiers, D. Bogyo (absent), S. Childs (absent), L. Hanes, A. Lazari (proxy D. Boyd), B. Bergstrom (absent), D. Boyd, B. Brown, J. Elza, B. Evans (absent), T. Meyers (absent), V. Soady, B. Adler (absent), H. Harper (absent), S. Seyfarth (proxy L. Hanes), J. Wilkinson; College of Business Administration: A. Reddy (absent), F. Ware (proxy M. Holland), M. Holland; College of Education: C. Backes, R. McClung, M. Garber (absent), B. Gerber (proxy B. Brown), F. Smith, J. Hummel (absent), P. Anderson, S. Andrews, T. Root (absent), A. Gibbs, K. Wells, R. Hull, M. Venn; College of Nursing: D. Ebron, D. Roush (proxy D. Ebron); Division of Social Work: R. Vodde (absent); Odum Library: S. Thomas (proxy J. Elza); Pres. Of SGA: Jake Golden, IV (absent); COSA: Debi Parkhill

1. H. Bailey called the meeting to order.
2. **The minutes of the September 16, 1999 Senate meeting were approved.**
3. Unfinished Business  
There was no unfinished business.
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Report from the Academic Committee** – L. Levy presented the report in the absence of L. Benjamin. He stated that the Academic Committee met on August 16, 1999 and considered a number of issues. He referred the Senate to the minutes and asked for approval. **The minutes were approved.**
  - b. **Report from the Committee on Committees** – M. Holland stated that the College of Education has elected Dr. Andrew Brovey to fill the remaining term of E. Gillis, who has retired. They also made the annual reapportionment for Senate seats, adding three seats for ex-officios. The committee reviewed the list of Senators whose terms are expiring in the year 2000 and noted those who are ineligible for re-election.

- c. **Report from the Institutional Planning Committee** – C. Backes stated that the committee had met twice to begin the annual review of the VSU mission statement and to form a subcommittee to develop a strategic plan for the university, to be chaired by Dr. Chuck Ferguson. They also developed a plan to better disseminate information related to the actions of the committee. Most of those items have been enacted, including posting of activity on the committee’s web page and distributing information on the faculty and staff listserves. The committee will meet again on November 17, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the Odum Library.
- d. **Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee** – B. Brown stated that he would report on behalf of B. Gerber. The committee met on October 12, 1999 to address concerns regarding pre-tenure and post-tenure review documents. They prepared a questionnaire to be posted on the faculty listserve in the next week to solicit comments from faculty to administrators regarding the process and evaluation of those documents.
- e. **Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee** – J. Elza stated that the committee met with Kimberly Ballard to discuss the sexual harassment policy. They will meet again for administrative review of those procedures at a later date.
- f. **Report from the Senate Executive Secretary**
  - 1. **Revisions to the Academic Calendar for the Summer 2000 semester as presented by the Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee** (Attachment #2) – In the absence of S. Seyfarth or another committee representative, D. Boyd presented the calendar. The first two pages of the calendar had been revised to include July 3, 1999 as a no class day and Summer II semester had been revised to have Monday through Thursday classes to include 27 class meetings at 85 minutes each. The third page of the attachment listed the midterm dates for each of the summer sessions, which had not been changed. **The calendar was approved.**
  - 2. **Recommendation from the *ad hoc* Bylaws Amendment Committee** (Attachment #3) – D. Boyd stated that K. Wells, V. Pennington and T. Dasher comprised this committee. They recommended amending the Bylaws to include a Technology Committee as a standing Senate committee in **Article II Section 3 paragraph i**. K. Wells stated that because the Educational Policies Committee had been overloaded with many issues including instructional technology issues, the Committee on Committees proposed forming a Technology Committee as a standing committee of the Senate. **This amendment was approved.**
  - 3. Remanded request to the Educational Policies Committee – D. Boyd stated that a draft of a final course grade appeal form from L. Levy had been remanded to the Educational Policies Committee that would provide a paper trail for such appeal. This would not necessitate a change in the student handbook for the grade change process.
  - 4. Remanded request to the Student Services Committee – D. Boyd stated that questions raised at the Women’s Studies Speakout about student housing were remanded to the Student Services Committee. V. Soady noted that the questions were raised during Diversity Week Activities and not at the Women’s Studies Speakout.
  - 5. Remanded request to the Environmental Issues Committee – D. Boyd stated that a request to refrain from turning off air conditioning at times of peak demand to ensure a tolerable learning and working environment has been remanded to the Environmental Issues Committee.

D. Boyd also noted the October 21 deadline for additions to the November Senate Agenda.

- 5. General Discussion – H. Bailey recognized J. Elza per her request. She addressed confusion on behalf of other faculty members as to how the Senate works and added that the Senate is designed to facilitate communication among faculty members. She asked the Executive Committee assign to a committee finding an alternate method of recruiting athletes other than the Blazer Girls. She also asked D. Boyd to add to the November agenda of the Executive Committee a request that the requirements for promotion and tenure for faculty attendance at conferences be suspended until the university has the appropriate funding. J. Elza also requested that the

Institutional Planning Committee survey the faculty for their opinion on the direction of the university. Finally, she asked H. Bailey to hold an “Open Day” devoted to discussion regarding the VSU mission statement. H. Bailey agreed to do so, adding that the Institutional Planning Committees and others as appropriate should take part in that “Open Day.”

6 . Adjournment – The Senate adjourned at 4:00 p.m.