

## FACULTY SENATE Est. 1991

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### Minutes April 16, 2009

#### The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:33 p.m. in the Powell Hall Auditorium.

1. Call to Order by Dr. Patrick J. Schloss

- There was a moment of silence for those who have been lost recently from the VSU community.
- Discussed the budget and tuition. The Board of Regents has cancelled the "fixed for four" tuition for new students. The Board of Regents is maintaining the commitment for last year's class ('08-'09). This year's class will have same tuition. All students after this year will be charged on a per credit basis up to 15 hours instead of 12 hours. The \$100 fee established last year has been made permanent subject to annual review.
- Aggressively working on a new budget model.
- All temporary positions are being filled.
- Appreciates the Educational Policies Committee reviewing the cap on the number of credits a student can register for without approval. Dr. Schloss suggested setting a "preference limitation".
- Discussed academic misconduct cases. Dr. Schloss stated that he is willing to meet with the Educational Policies Committee regarding policies and procedures with these cases.
- Discussed furloughs. Language will be removed from contracts that would prohibit furloughs.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate.**

[http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/documents/Senate\\_Minutes2009-03-26.pdf](http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/documents/Senate_Minutes2009-03-26.pdf)

- The minutes were approved.

3. New business

a. **Report from the Academic Committee – Louis Levy [llevy@valdosta.edu](mailto:llevy@valdosta.edu)**

See **Attachment A** for Minutes of February 16, 2009 Academic Committee meeting.

- Dr. Levy thanked those individuals who have taken on additional sections.
- Would like a tenure and promotion advisory committee for Academic Affairs. Dr. Levy will consult with the Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee regarding the creation of such an advisory committee.

-Discussed minutes from February 16, 2009 Academic Committee. The minutes were approved.

b. Report from the Committee on Committees – Steven Kohn [sjkohn@valdosta.edu](mailto:sjkohn@valdosta.edu)  
- Waiting on results from college and unit elections.  
- Annual survey regarding Faculty Senate committee membership will be going out to all faculty soon.  
- Thanked Dr. Brad Bergstrom for helping find a replacement on the Environmental Issues Committee. Dr. Jason Allard agreed to serve on the committee.

c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – Vesta Whisler  
[vrwhisler@valdosta.edu](mailto:vrwhisler@valdosta.edu)  
-No report

d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – Ruth Renee Hannibal  
[rrhannib@valdosta.edu](mailto:rrhannib@valdosta.edu)  
-No report. There will be a meeting April 17, 2009.

e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – Theresa Thompson  
[tthompson@valdosta.edu](mailto:tthompson@valdosta.edu)  
-No report.

f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary – Jay Rickman [bjrickma@valdosta.edu](mailto:bjrickma@valdosta.edu)

1. **Report from Educational Policies Committee Chair Michael Elliott**  
[melliott@valdosta.edu](mailto:melliott@valdosta.edu). The EPC submits the following to the Senate for consideration.  
**Change the number of credit hours for which a student can register without approval from the current number (19) to 17, at least until we formulate a limited withdrawal policy. Motion was made to reduce the number of credit hours from 19 to 17, with the maximum load for which approval may be given to remain at 21. The language of the policy would also otherwise remain unaltered.** (The current policy is delineated on page 42 of the VSU Student Handbook, Volume 2:  
[http://www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/documents/SAF\\_Student\\_Handbook\\_08\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/documents/SAF_Student_Handbook_08_FINAL.pdf).

- After extensive debate, consideration was postponed until the May 21, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Levy suggested that the issue should be discussed with Mr. Stanley Jones (Registrar) and the Department Heads Council.

2. President Schloss would like the Senate to review VSU's policies and procedures regarding Academic Dishonesty to determine if VSU should create a faculty committee to hear student complaints when a student is sanctioned because of academic misconduct. Remand to Educational Policies Committee for study during the 2009-2010 academic year, but as soon as possible, the EPC should meet with the President and the Provost to hear their concerns with the current process. The EPC should also consult Dean Russ Mast and Assistant Dean Richard Lee because of their involvement in adjudicating student misconduct issues. The EPC should also consult Dr. James LaPlant,

a former senator who was very involved in the Senate's most recent efforts to revise VSU's Academic Honesty policies and procedures. Dr. Sheri Gravett would be another excellent person for the committee to consult.

The following materials should also be useful for the EPC as it begin its review.

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/AcademicHonestyPoliciesandProcedures.shtml>

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/AcademicDishonesty.shtml>

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/GradeAppeals.shtml>

<http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/documents/VSUFinalCourseGradeAppealForrev2.doc>

[http://www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/documents/Student\\_Handbook\\_09.pdf](http://www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/documents/Student_Handbook_09.pdf) especially section on Student Code of Conduct, p.60-61.

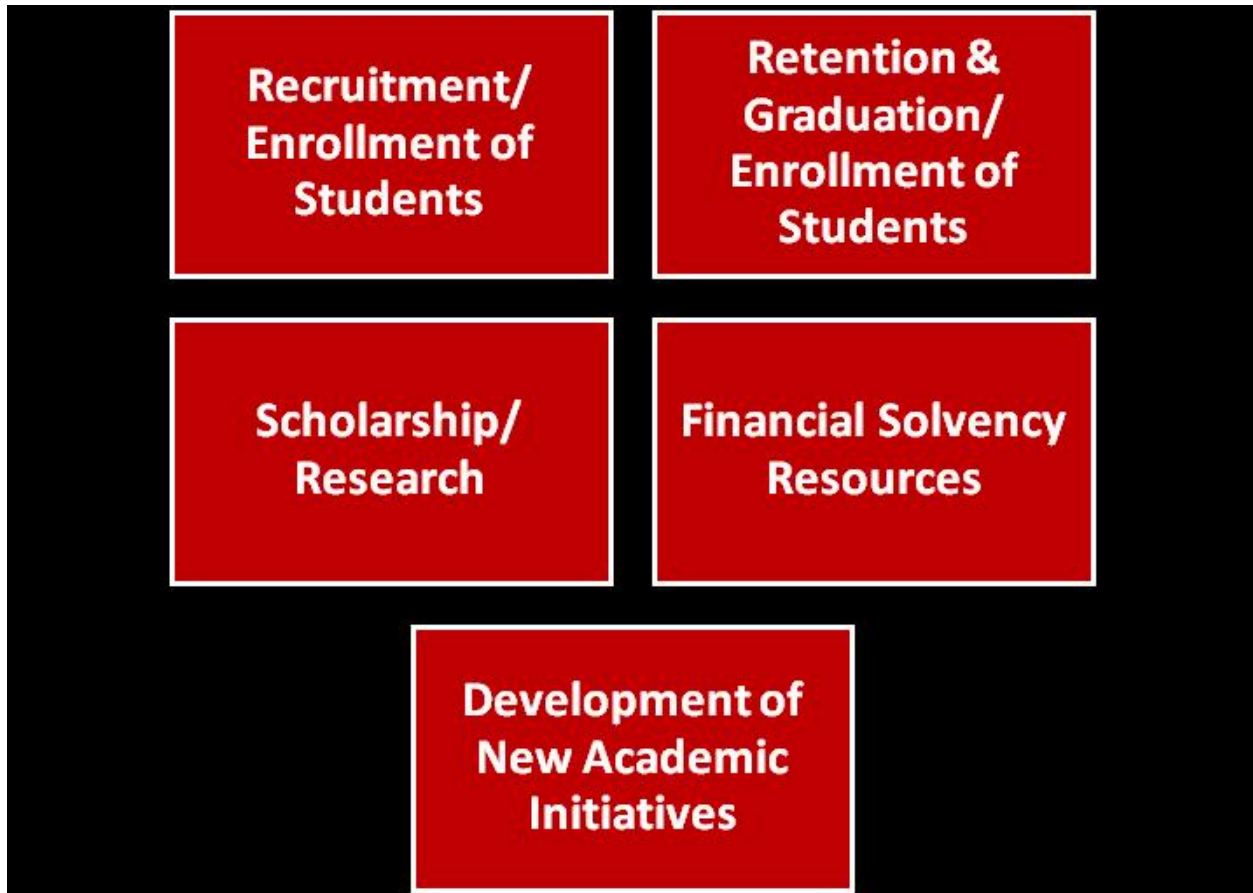
3. Presentation on Strategic Focus 2010 by Dr. Kristina Cragg, Assistant to the President for Strategic Research & Analysis, [kmcragg@valdosta.edu](mailto:kmcragg@valdosta.edu). Dr. Cragg presented to the Senate the results of the April 3 open forum on the Strategic Focus 2010 Initiative to generate three to five standards for use in the strategic planning process during 2009-2010.

Valdosta State University's revised budget model calls for us to focus clearly on our strategic priorities. In the past budget cycles, we have often distributed a substantial amount of money to wide-ranging, but routine projects (e.g., repairing roofs, procuring instructional technology, enabling transportation). The revised process will remove these routine items (and the typical budgetary support for them) from the strategic funding pool. Instead the appropriate divisions will be expected to establish and efficiently manage these routine projects and their associated funds. Because of the limited amount of funds for (non-routine) strategic priorities, we have identified a preliminary set of standards against which proposals can be evaluated. The standards are those elements that, when achieved, will advance Valdosta State University to an increased position of excellence. Below are the accepted preliminary standards that will be used to develop a rubric for evaluating strategic funding initiatives.

To view results <http://www.valdosta.edu/sra/documents/StrategicFocus2010Results.pdf>

To view Dr. Cragg's presentation

<http://www.valdosta.edu/sra/documents/StrategicFocusPresented4309.pdf>



4. Presentation on the new DegreeWorks advising software by Ms. Alicia Roberson, Academic Advisor for the Student Success Center, [aroberson@valdosta.edu](mailto:aroberson@valdosta.edu).  
 - Will go live on June 15, 2009.

5. Presentation on the new Shared Services payroll system (starts July 1, 2009) by Dr. Denise Bogart, Director of Human Resources & Employee Development, [dbogart@valdosta.edu](mailto:dbogart@valdosta.edu) and Ms. Traycee Martin, Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration and Director for Financial Services, [tmartin@valdosta.edu](mailto:tmartin@valdosta.edu).  
 - There will be parallel testing (using current system and new system) beginning on May 18, 2009.  
 - Training will begin on May 10, 2009 or May 11, 2009. There will be online training and training sessions you can attend.  
 - PeopleSoft will be frozen starting June 19, 2009. All changes to personal information need to be made by the end of May.

6. **Standing Committee Chairs:** Please begin to schedule meetings to prepare the Yearly Reports of the 11 Faculty Senate Standing Committees. If you would like to review what your committee's report looked like last year, please see the attachments in the Minutes of the Faculty Senate's May 15, 2008 meeting: <http://www.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/documents/MinutesMay152008.pdf>

Committee reports should be sent to Jay Rickman [bjrickma@valdosta.edu](mailto:bjrickma@valdosta.edu) in Word .doc or .docx format by **April 23, 2009** so that each committee report can be reviewed by the Executive Committee at its May 7, 2009 meeting, prior to the May 21, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting.

At the May 21, 2009 Senate meeting, each standing committee chair should be prepared to make a brief oral summary report for the Senate.

Academic Scheduling & Procedures: John Elder. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again in Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Academic Honors & Scholarships: Nanci Scheetz. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again in Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Athletics: Scot Raab. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again in Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Educational Policies: Michael Elliott. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Environmental Issues: Brad Bergstrom. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Faculty Development and Research: Karin Murray/Jennifer Lambert-Shute. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Library Affairs: Charles Talor. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Minority & Diversity Issues: Mark Kiyek. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Student Activities: Gina Doepker. This committee was reviewed & revised with help from Vice President Kurt Keppler in 2006-2007. It was renewed in May 2007 and will be reviewed again Spring 2010. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Student Services: Luis Bejarano. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

Technology: Mary Gorham-Rowan. This committee was reviewed & renewed in Spring 06, and will be reviewed again Spring 09. Yearly report to be given in May 09.

7. Old Business

8. Discussion

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

## ATTACHMENT A:

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 16, 2009

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Rose Room on Monday, February 16, 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. Melissa Benton (proxy for Dr. Selen Lauterbach), Mr. Alan Bernstein, Dr. William Faux, Mr. Mike Savoie, Dr. Kathe Lowney, Dr. Frank Flaherty, Dr. James Ernest, Dr. Iris Ellis, Dr. Frank Flaherty (proxy for Dr. Deborah Weaver), and Ms. Deborah VanPetten. Members Absent: Dr. Ray Elson, Dr. Bill Buchanan, Dr. James Humphrey, Dr. Deborah Weaver, and Dr. Diane Holliman. Visitors Present: Dr. Ellen Wiley, Dr. Thomas Manning, Dr. Chunlei Liu, Dr. Robert Bauer, Dr. Phil Gunter, Dr. Reynaldo Martinez, Dr. James Shrader, Dr. Karla Hull, Dr. Edward Chatelain, and Mr. Lee Bradley. The Minutes of the January 26, 2009, Academic Committee meeting were approved with the correction to the course title in item D-28. (pages 1-4).

### A. College of Nursing

1. Revised graduate catalog narrative and degree requirements for the MSN in Nursing was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 5-16).

### B. College of Business

1. Letter of Intent for a BBA in International Business was approved/noted. (pages 17-19).

2. Letter of Intent for a Master of Accountancy degree was approved/noted. (pages 20-22).

### C. College of the Arts

1. Revised undergraduate catalog narrative for the College of the Arts was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (Pages 23-27).

2. Revised graduate catalog narrative for the College of the Arts was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (Pages 28-32). Pending approval of the Graduate Executive Committee.

3. New course, Art History (ARTH) 4170, "Prehistoric through Historic Native American Art", (PREHIST/HIST NATIVE AM ART – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with the description changed to read ...Study of art of Prehistoric through Historic era Native North American cultures. Arts traditions will be examined of the.. (pages 33-37).

4. New course, Art History (ARTH) 4180, "Modern/Contemporary Native American Art", (MOD/CONT NATIVE AM ART – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with the description changed to read ...Study of art of Modern and Contemporary... (pages 38-42).

5. Revised credit hours and description, Music (MUSC) 3810, "Chamber Singers", (CHAMBER SINGERS – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 5 lab hours, and 5 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with the description changed to read ...Music. This select ensemble emphasizes... the last sentence was changed to the read "Successful audition required" and moved to the beginning as the prerequisite. (pages 43-45).

6. Revised course description, Music (MUSC) 3820, "Concert Choir", (CONCERT CHOIR – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with the description changed to read ...Music. The course is open to... (pages 46-48).

7. Revised undergraduate catalog narrative for the Department of Music was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 49-51).

8. Course number correction for COMM 7100, 7200, 7150, 7300, MDIA 7800, 7600, and 7700 was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. Deactivation of COMM 5100, 5200, 6100, 6300, MDIA 6800, 6600, and 6700. (pages 52-56).

#### **D. College of Arts and Sciences**

1. Revised credit hours, Chemistry (CHEM) 3320, “Environmental Chemistry”, (ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 5 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2009. (pages 57-59).

2. Revised credit hours, Chemistry (CHEM) 5320, “Environmental Chemistry”, (ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 5 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2009. (pages 60-62).

3. Revised course description, Computer Science (CS) 4321, “Software Engineering I”, (SOFTWARE ENGINEERING I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with the description changed to read ...better. Concepts and... . (pages 63-66).

4. Revised course description, Computer Science (CS) 4322, “Software Engineering II”, (SOFTWARE ENGINEERING II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with the description changed to read ...better. Advanced topics in software engineering, such as analysis, design, architecture, testing, and maintenance. (pages 67-70).

5. Revised course description, Computer Science (CS) 4340, “Systems Programming”, (SYSTEMS PROGRAMMING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 71-74).

6. Revised course hours, Geography (GEOG) 3120, “Geosciences Field Trip”, (GEOSCIENCES FIELD TRIP – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2009. Pages (75-78).

7. Revised course hours, Geology (GEOL) 3120, “Geosciences Field Trip”, (GEOSCIENCES FIELD TRIP – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2009. Pages (79-82).

8. Revised graduate catalog narrative for the MS in Criminal Justice was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. Pages 83-89).

9. Revised graduate catalog narrative for the MS in Sociology was TABLED. (pages 90-95)

#### **E. College of Education**

1. Revised graduate catalog narrative for the endorsement for Talented and Gifted was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 96-98).

2. Revised graduate catalog narrative for the MS in Psychology – track Clinical Psychology and track Industrial/Organizational Psychology was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 99-108).

3. Revised requirements for the EDD in Adult and Career Education was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 109-112).

4. Revised requirements for the EDD in Curriculum and Instruction was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 113-116).

5. Revised requirements for the EDD in Leadership was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. (pages 117-120).

6. Revised course title and description, Adult and Career Education (ACED) 9410, “Diverse Populations in Adult and Career Education”, (DIVERSE POPULATIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. Pages (121-123).

7. Revised course description, Curriculum and Instruction (CIED) 9410, “Curricular and Instructional Design and Development”, (C&I DESIGN & DEVELOP – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was

approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with the course description changed to read ...setting. The course includes...  
. Pages (124-126).

8. Revised course number and description, Education Leadership (LEAD) 9040, "School Organizational and Cultural Studies", (SCH ORGNZTNL/CULTRL STUDIES – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. Pages (127-129). Deactivation of LEAD 9870.

9. Revised course title and description, Research (RSCH) 9800, "Research Design and Foundations for Advanced Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Methods Research", (RSCH DESIGN AND FOUNDATIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009 with "An overview of" removed from the beginning of the first line, and the last sentence changed to read ...course is a foundation for all other... . Pages (130-132).

10. Revised course description, Research (RSCH) 9870, "Dissertation Topic Conceptualization", (DISSERTATION TOPIC CONCPTRLZTN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. Pages (133-135).

11. Revised course number, title and description, Education Leadership (LEAD) 9999, "Dissertation in Leadership", (DISS IN LEADERSHIP – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2009. Pages (127-129). Deactivation of RSCH 9999.

Respectfully submitted, Stanley Jones Interim Registrar



## Members and Visitors present:

P. Schloss, President  
L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs  
J. Rickman, Executive Secretary  
C. Tandy, Parliamentarian

\* Indicates the individual assigned a proxy

### Ex-Officio Senators:

N. Argyle(absent)	J. Crawford
G. Gaumont	J. Gaston
M. Giddings(absent)	*P. Gunter
K. Hull(absent)	A. Hufft(absent)
K. Keppler	T. Martin
W. Plumly	C. Richards

### College of Arts:

M. Elliott	*D. Harmon
M. Kiyak(absent)	P. McGuire
K. Murray	*P. Neal
L. Orenduff	M. Savoie

### College of Arts and Sciences:

*D. Baracskey	*D. Bechler	*L. Bejarano
B. Bergstrom	R. Carpenter	M. Davey
C. Denizman	J. Elder	R. Gladwin
C. James	A. Kumar	J. Lambert-Shute
A. Lazari	B. Mboup(absent)	J. Merwin
P. Moch	O. Nikolova	C. Serran-Pagan
J. Rickman	M. Smith	T. Thompson
M. Williams		

### College of Business Administration:

*B. Caster	C. Lipscomb	S. Tori(absent)	F. Ware(absent)
B. Williams(absent)			

### College of Education:

B. Browne	B. Dixey	*G. Doepker
M. Gorham-Rowan	R. Hannibal	S. Kohn
L. Leader	L. Lu(absent)	*Y. Mat Som
L. Minor	*C. Prater	*S. Raab
S. Sanderson	N. Scheetz	C. Talor
V. Whisler		

### College of Nursing:

A. Haddon	S. Lauterbach
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**Division of Social Work:**

C. Tandy

**Odum Library:**

A. Bernstein(absent)

A. Ondrusek

**Student Government Association (non-voting):**

Lauren Davis(absent)

**Proxies:**

Jerry Merwin for Daniel BaracsKay

Sonya Sanderson for Scot Raab

Vesta Whisler for Cindy Prater

Lynn Minor for Gina Doepker

Lai Orenduff for Danielle Harmon

Karin Murray for Luis Bejarano

John Gaston for Phil Gunter

Marvin Smith for Dave Bechler

Michael Elliott for Paul Neal

John Elder for Yahya Mat Som

Cliff Lipscomb for Bruce Caster

**Visitors:**

Alicia Roberson, Student Success Center

Kristina Cragg, Strategic Research

Christy Coons-Yates, Strategic Planning

Honey Coppage, Academic Affairs