

Minutes of April 24, 2007 Meeting

University Council convened at 9:00AM in the University Center Cypress Room

Welcome and Update (President Zaccari)

- A.** Legislature announced Valdosta State University was awarded \$ 4,000,000 to renovate Nevins Hall. Mr. Sable, chair for Space Management Council will address the issues of space and reorganization. He will also develop an action plan for the up coming construction, renovations and demolitions.
- B.** Board of Regents approved plans for VSU's \$120 million capital improvement projects. Ambling Companies, Inc. has been selected as the developer for all three residence hall projects with an estimated cost of \$38-40 million. (Residence halls Hopper and Georgia are going to be demolished and rebuilt, Reade Hall will be renovated)
- Two parking decks will create 1,000 spaces each and offices for Parking and Transportation, University Police, Auxiliary Services and potential retail rental space. The locations under consideration include the parking lot adjacent to the Student Recreation Center and the east side of the Oak Street parking lot.
 - The new student health center will be constructed in the parking lot between International Programs and the current Parking and Transportation office located on Georgia Avenue
 - The existing University Union will be replaced with a new 125,000 square foot student union. The new union will include offices for Student Life, Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board, the Spectator and the Dean of Students office.
 - Special Thanks to Senator Tim Golden for helping us move forward with these capital projects.
- C.** Math and Science Initiative- VSU was awarded \$ 125,000 and the rest went to public funding
- D.** Update on Regional Health Summit- we had over 100 participates. We invited 2 year and 4 year colleges, CEOs from the hospitals, SOWEGA/AHEC Representatives from region to project the needs of the HealthCare System in Georgia. Daniel Rahn, President -Medical College of Georgia gave a presentation on how we will address and provide the health care needed. For more information please visit the website at <http://www.valdosta.edu/pres/rhs/>
- E.** Special Thanks -Sunday Morning on ABC –Communication Major- Earth Day on Sun complimented SAVE students and Raymond Sable, and Greg Gordon.
- F.** Jonathan Stroble- New SGA Rep. (SGA President)
- G.** Special Thanks to the University Council for working Together as a Family.

Review of Member Responsibilities

Dr. Coons-Yates requested the members of the University Council Member please read the agenda and minutes from the meetings. Dr. Zaccari wants every UC member to share this information with their areas. He is also requesting a one page synopsis of how and what medium was used to communicate the UC Updates to your constituents. Once completed please submit the synopsis to Dr. Coons-Yates. Make sure to identify the communication channel used.

Announcement of Connect ED

The VSU Campus Alert service enables campus leaders to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages, and can also send text messages to cell phones and email addresses. Students, faculty and staff must opt-in to have their contact information included for alerts by entering their information at www.valdosta.edu/edialertinfo. Mr. Newton requested to please share the information with staff, faculty and students. VSU Alert System Sign-ups as of 4-24-07: Staff 171, Faculty 243, Students 1416.

Review Report of Progress on Academic Program Goal (Dr. Louis Levy)

- A.** The Academic Programs Goal begins on page 12 of the Strategic Plan
- B.** Update on Action Plans within the Goal
- **Action Step # 1:** The Reactivate Nurse Practitioner Program is on schedule for implementation in Fall 2007 and the Clinical Nurse Leader Program is on schedule for implementation in Summer 2007. Academic Affairs will submit a letter of intent to the Board of Regents regarding a Doctorate of Social Work degree. As of April 2007 a letter of intent has been resubmitted to the Doctorate in

Communication Disorders degree.

- **Action Step # 2:** The goal to hire more faculty with interdisciplinary backgrounds will be assessed prior to August 1, 2007 when faculty hiring is more complete to see if we are on target with the 20% recommendation.

- **Action Step # 3:** Academic Affairs is waiting to hear an update from Jon Sizemore on faculty trained during the 2006-2007 academic year.

- **Action Step # 4:**

- **Action Step # 5:** In efforts to increase team-teaching across disciplines the College of Nursing is working with Criminal Justice and Psychology to develop a proposal for forensic health care applications and forensic nursing by Summer 2008.

- **Action Step # 6:** In efforts to increase service learning opportunities for students, Academic Affairs will review the possibility of expanding Area B in the core curriculum to allow for service learning projects such as internships or coop hours to count towards Area B.

Discussion: Smoking Enforcement Ideas and Options (Dr. Keppler)

A. Options utilized by other institutions (Dr. Keppler)

There is a continuum of strict policies at Gainesville, Albany, and Dalton that do not allow smoking. They are Smoke Free Campuses. We have three options to decide from

- Restricting smoking on campus
- Drawing of lines
- Building individual structures

B. Potential landscaping or hardscaping solutions (VP Jim Black and Mr. Ray Sable)

Where would we establish smoking areas? Mr. Black presented a map of VSU building entrances with drawn circles that denote 30 feet. He will make recommendations and options of where we could move the benches at the May meeting.

-Dr. Coons-Yates presented the option of getting grants from the Tobacco Co.

C. Suggested signage (Diana Hansard or SGA designee and Dr. Keppler)

Environmental Policy Update (Dr. Coons Yates)

A. The Environmental Policy will be an on going policy to include the review and responses of everyone. COSA, SGA, Senate have until May 28th to complete their reviews and respond

B. UnCo will hold its discussion and endorsement decision at the May 29th meeting

Environmental Inspection (Mr. DeLong)

A. VSU will be going thru an environmental inspection. We are asking for your cooperation and assistance beforehand- BE PREPARED TO BE IN REGULATION! Compliance inspections are not scheduled in advance and we cannot ask the inspectors to come back another day.

B. Although E&OS will accompany any inspector at all times, the inspector can and will ask questions of people actually working in inspected areas. The two types of inspections are:

- Single-media Inspection: an inspection of a facility for compliance with regulations under one of the acts listed below.
- Multimedia Inspection: a full inspection of a facility for compliance all applicable regulations.

Coming Up in May (Dr. Coons-Yates)

A. Leave Sharing Policy (Dr. Bogart) We are in the process of reviewing the leave sharing template. This has been set by the system office and we will be implementing in May.

B. Diversity Plan (Ms. Viverette) will ask us to review the new diversity plan for VSU. Use the minutes from the UC as your working document

University Council adjourned at 10:36 AM

Next Meeting

May 29th at 9AM, UC Cypress Room

Members Present:

President Zaccari
Ralph Allen
Jeremy Baker
Jim Black

Richard Carter
Carl Cates
Christy Coons-Yates
Danielle Everson
Shirley Hardin
Richard Hammond
Verna Harvey
Yolanda Hood
Christine James
Kurt Keppler
James LaPlant
Louis Levy
Russ Mast
Joe Newton
Scott Sikes
Jonathan Stroble
Maggie Viverette
Tim Yorkey

Advisory Members Present:

Laverne Gaskins
Charles Harmon
Marsha Krotseng
Walter Peacock

Members Absent:

Ralph Allen (Represented by Brian Adler)
Denise Bogart
Richard Carter (Represented by Dr. Russ Goddard)
Traycee Martin
Herb Reinhard (Advisory)

Guests:

Mary Gooding
Rob Kellner
Yvonne LeRoy-Landers
Ray Sable
Jeanne Severns
Jennifer Tanner