

**VSU General Faculty Meeting**  
**September 17, 2009**

President Patrick Schloss opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m. and explained that the meeting has been called to consider a revision to the *VSU Statutes*. President Schloss thanked all those faculty members who attended this meeting. Because the total faculty members present, however, did not meet the required 50% plus one of the general faculty (see *Statutes*, Chapter 3, Article I & IV) to vote on the proposed revision at this meeting, the faculty in attendance would discuss the proposed revision, and then, once the notes of this meeting had been shared with the entire faculty, an electronic vote on the proposed revision would be held as provided in the *Statutes* (Chapter 6, Article III).

President Schloss explained that the proposed revision to the *Statutes* replaced the University Council in Article III with the recently reformulated Planning & Budget Council (PBC). During the 2008-2009 academic year, the former Budget Advisory Council had been reformulated into the PBC by way of an expanded membership (of faculty, staff, and students) as well as new procedures to open PBC discussions to the VSU community. As the PBC began operating in spring 2009, President Schloss and others realized that the PBC's membership and jurisdiction overlapped with the University Council, and the proposed revision would replace the University Council in Article III with a new Article III describing the PBC. President Schloss stated that this revision would streamline VSU's planning and budgetary process.

President Schloss explained that in the interim while the general faculty considered this revision to the *Statutes*, the PBC and the University Council would hold joint meetings.

President Schloss also stated that Section 2 and Section 3 in the proposed revision of Article III would enable the PBC to make changes in its membership without requiring the difficult process of a formal revision to the *Statutes*.

During the discussion, Dr. Brad Bergstrom suggested an addition to Section 2 and to Section 3 to ensure that any later changes to the membership of the PBC could be done only with the approval of the constituent groups at VSU (Faculty Senate, Council on Staff Affairs, the Student Government Association, and the Diversity Council). President Schloss welcomed this suggestion and after discussion, the faculty members present voted to send the now revised Article III on the PBC to an electronic vote of the general faculty.

Dr. B. Jay Rickman, Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate, was charged with overseeing the electronic vote of the general faculty on the proposed revision. For the existing Article III on the University Council and the proposed Article III on the Planning & Budget Council with the revision from the September 17, 2009 meeting, see below.

The general faculty meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. B. Jay Rickman, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary

VSU Statutes 2007

**ARTICLE XIII:  
THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

**Section 1.** The University Council is an advisory group to the President which serves as information conduit to discuss ideas and assist in the strategic planning process. The University Council assumes the functions of the former University Planning Council, Administrative Council, and Master Planning Council. With approval of the President, the Council may, from time to time, develop policies that will facilitate the administrative operations of various units of the University.

**Section 2.** Voting members of the University Council consists of President; Planning Officer (presides as University Council Executive Secretary); Vice President for Academic Affairs; Vice President for Finance and Administration; Vice President for Student Affairs; Vice President for Advancement; Assistant Vice President for Finance; Director of Information Technology; Director of Human Resources; Director of Plant Operations and Facilities Planning; Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate; two representatives with Faculty Senate; Chair of the Council on Staff Affairs; two representatives within Council on Staff Affairs; Student Government Association President; two representatives with Student Government Association; representative from Deans' Council; representative from Council of Department Heads; chair of the Diversity Council; and two representatives from the Diversity Council.

**Section 3.** Non-voting, ex officio members include the Associate Vice President for Strategic Research and Analysis; Dean of Students; Director of University Relations; Director of Athletics; University Attorney; and Chair of the Enrollment Management Council.

**Section 4.** In addition, the President may designate additional non-voting, advisory members as appropriate.

**Section 5.** Members of the University Council who are appointed due to their professional position (i.e. Vice Presidents, Directors, etc.) will not have a set time limit. University Council members who serve at the discretion of their individual constituent group (i.e. Council on Staff Affairs, Faculty Senate, etc.) will have time limits not to exceed three consecutive years.

**Section 6.** Special Committees of the University Council

a. Special Committees of the University Council are created by the Council to carry out the business of the Council.

b. Special Committees normally will have tenure of no more than one year.

## VSU Statutes – Proposed Revision

### **ARTICLE XIII: THE PLANNING AND BUDGET COUNCIL (PBC)**

**Section 1.** The Planning and Budget Council is an advisory group to the President that serves as information conduit to discuss ideas and assist in the strategic budgeting and planning process. It is charged to ensure a fiscally responsible strategic allocation of resources in conjunction with Valdosta State University's goals. The Council develops the annual Budget Plan for recommendation to the President based on input received from all departments of the University. The Council monitors the Budget Plan throughout the year via open meetings, as needed, to ensure the continued effective, efficient, and fiscally sound use of resources.

**Section 2.** The Planning and Budget Council is comprised of a balanced representation of constituent groups with voting members on initial formation as follows: Provost and Planning & Budget Council Chair, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Vice President for Student Affairs, Vice President for Advancement, Faculty Senate Representatives (2), Council on Staff Affairs Representatives (2), Student Government Association President, Student Government Association Representatives (2), Diversity Council Representatives (2), Deans' Council Representative, Department Heads' Council Representative, and the Athletics Director. Changes in voting membership are established through majority vote by extant Planning and Budget Council members and approval by the President. Any vote to eliminate membership from a constituent group (Faculty Senate, Council on Staff Affairs, Student Government Association, or Diversity Council) will be invalid unless authorized by a majority vote of that constituent group.

**Section 3.** The Planning and Budget Council is comprised of a balanced representation of constituent groups with non-voting members on initial formation as follows: President, Financial Services Representative, Director of Information Technology, Director of Human Resources, Director of Plant Operations and Facilities Planning, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, Chair of the Council on Staff Affairs, Assistant to the President for Strategic Research and Analysis, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management, Director of Auxiliary Services, Director of Budget Services, Chair of the Diversity Council, Dean of Students, Assistant to the President for Communications, and the University Attorney. Non-voting members provide subject expertise and are expected to attend all meetings. Changes in non-voting membership are established through majority vote by extant Planning and Budget Council members and approval by the President. Any vote to eliminate membership from a constituent group (Faculty Senate, Council on Staff Affairs, Student Government Association, or Diversity Council) will be invalid unless authorized by a majority vote of that constituent group.

**Section 4.** Meetings are open to all administrators, faculty, staff, and students; the Chair can recognize any attendee for discussion as warranted.

**Section 5.** Duration of membership on the Planning and Budget Council is determined by the constituent group that appointed the member to the Planning and Budget Council.