

**VSU General Faculty
Fall 2008 Meeting**

October 31, 2008

3:00 p.m., Magnolia Room, University Center

President Patrick J. Schloss welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the group that VSU is in the midst of tough budget times; however, VSU has a solid plan for this fiscal year. VSU was able to meet the 6% budget reduction requirement requested by the University System of Georgia. Several positions have been frozen; however, positions deemed “essential” will likely be filled.

Dr. Schloss announced that Dr. Louis Levy’s title has been changed to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Schloss stated that the change in title does not change the way Dr. Levy operates and there was no salary increase. Dr. Levy will also assume the role as Chairperson for the Budget Advisory Council.

Policy on Policies

VSU is in the process of creating a new Policy manual that will be vetted by the Faculty Senate and the Council on Staff Affairs. A Policy on Policies Committee has been formed and has met on several occasions. The campus will receive more information as the committee continues its work.

Comparator Institutions

Dr. Schloss noted that VSU’s list of comparator institutions has changed based on various criteria that places VSU in line with more comparable institutions. You may view the Peer Analysis Selection Presentation as well as the list of VSU’s peers at the following link on the Strategic Research and Analysis Web site:
<http://www.valdosta.edu/sra/peers.shtml>.

Informational Items

- 1) Faculty Salary Model – Dr. Schloss informed the General Faculty that he has charged Provost Louis Levy with reviewing and establishing a formula driven way to make salary adjustments.
- 2) Capital Campaign – The Capital Campaign is currently in the preparatory phase and is approaching the leadership phase. Consultants will be vetted.
- 3) Presidential Commitment on Climate – Students from S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment) approached VSU administrators to see if VSU was interested in signing the President’s Climate Commitment. Mr. Ray Sable, Director of Physical Plant, indicated the plan could be done as a long term

- commitment. S.A.V.E. will process the plan through the proper channels at VSU for approval.
- 4) Budget Overview – Dr. Schloss reiterated what he stated earlier in the meeting about VSU meeting the 6% budget reduction requirement. There is a possibility that VSU could be asked to increase that reduction requirement to 8% or 10% at a later date.
 - 5) Vice President for Finance and Administration (VPFA) Search – Dr. Schloss informed everyone that Dr. Phil Gunter, Dean of the Dewar College of Education, is the Chairperson for the VPFA Search Committee. The committee has met and ads have been placed in various periodicals. Additionally, letters have been sent to presidents who are members of AASCU (American Association of State Colleges and Universities) informing them of the vacancy and requesting nominations/recommendations for the position.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.