

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 9, 2026

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, March 9, 2026. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Joshua Pifer, Dr. Haley Sherman, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Byeonghua Park (Proxy Dr. Taewon Hwang), Ms. Smanatha Paul, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fleming Bell, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Dee Ott, Dr. Dee Ott (Proxy Dr. Lisa Battern), Dr. Colette Drouillard (Proxy Dr. R. Paul Mihail), Ms. Tera Ray (Proxy Dr. Jim Nienow), Dr. Kelly Mathis, Ms. Kytte Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Shaun Ault, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Mr. Jason Brown, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Dr. Kristy Lister, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. R. Paul Mihail, Dr. Jim Nienow, and Dr. Luis Gonzalez.

Catalog Editor: Ms. Monica Close

Visitors Present: Dr. Donna Sewell, Dr. Erin Grabarczyk, Dr. Tolulope Salami, Dr. Christopher Downing, Dr. Martha Leake, Dr. Ellis Heath, Dr. Mark Smith, and Dr. Sha' Wilfred

The Minutes of the February 9, 2026, meeting were approved by email on February 20, 2026. (pages 1-7).

A. College of Education and Human Services and College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Requirements for the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track for the BA and BS in Psychology was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 8-10).

B. College of Science and Mathematics

1. Revised Selected Educational Outcomes and Examples of Outcome Assessments for the BS in Computer Information Systems was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 11-13).
2. Revised credit hours and description, Chemistry (CHEM) 4800, "Special Topics in Computer Science", (INTERNSHIP IN CHEMISTRY – 1-6 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 1-18 lab hours, and 1-18 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 14-15).
3. New course, Computer Science (CS) 6990, "Special Topics in Computer Science", (TOPICS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 164-165).
4. Revised credit hours, and description, Biology (BIOL) 7000, "Introduction to Research", (INTRODUCTION OF RESEARCH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 166-167).
5. Revised prerequisites, and description, Biology (BIOL) 7440, "Fundamentals of Evolution", (FUNDAMENTALS OF EVOLUTION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 168-169).
6. Revised course number, Biology (BIOL) 7850, "Biology Graduate Internship", (BIOLOGY GRADUATE INTERNSHIP – 3-9 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3-9 lab hours, and 3-9 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 170-171). Deactivation of BIOL 6850.
7. Revised course number, Biology (BIOL) 7950, "Directed Study", (DIRECTED STUDY – 0-4 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3-12 lab hours, and 3-12 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 172-173). Deactivation of BIOL 6950.

8. New course, Biology (BIOL) 7070, “Science Communication”, (SCIENCE COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 174-175).
9. New course, Biology (BIOL) 7005, “Introduction to Genomics”, (INTRODUCTION TO GENOMICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 176-177).

C. College of Business Administration

1. Inclusion of ECON 1101 into the Impacts – Social Science area was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 16-22). **Pending BOR Approval**
2. Revised Field of Study and Major requirements for BBA in Accounting were approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 23-26).
3. New minor in Internal Auditing was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 27-29).
4. Revised Field of Study and Major requirements for BBA in General Business were approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 30-33).
5. Revised Field of Study and Major requirements for BBA in Management were approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 34-37).
6. Revised Field of Study and Major requirements for BBA in Marketing were approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 38-41).
7. Revised requirements for the minor in Digital Marketing was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 42-44).
8. New course, Management (MGNT) 4850, “AI and Emerging Technology in Management: Asia and Beyond”, (AI/EMERGNG TECH MGT ASIA BEYND – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with description changed to read – An examination of how artificial...beyond; students... . (pages 45-46).
9. Revised course title, and description, Marketing (MKTG) 3070, “Personal Branding and Time Management”, (PERSONAL BRANDING/TIME MGNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 47-48).
10. Revised Field of Study and Major requirements for BBA in Applied Economics were approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 49-51).
11. Revised Field of Study and Major requirements for BBA in Finance were approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 52-54).
12. Revised course prefix, Business Administration (BUSA) 2000, “Information Systems and Data Transformation in Business”, (INFO SYS & DATA TRANSFORM BUS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 55-56). Deactivation of DATA 2000.
13. Revised course prefix, Business Administration (BUSA) 3100, “Introduction to Data Analytics”, (INTRODUCTION TO DATA ANALYTICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 57-58). Deactivation of DATA 3100.
14. Revised course prefix, Business Administration (BUSA) 3300, “Data Visualizations and Analytics”, (DATA VISUALIZATIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 59-60). Deactivation of DATA 3200.
15. Revised course prerequisites, Finance (FIN) 3350, “Financial Management”, (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – 3

credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 61-62).

16. Deactivation of DATA 3200H, BUSA 4910, and BUSA 4920 was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 63-64).
17. Revised catalog narrative and renaming of the MACC program was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 147-149). **Pending BOR Approval**

D. College of Humanities and Social Science

1. Revised requirements for the BS in Organizational Leadership was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 65-68).
2. Revised course title, Political Science (POLS) 3220, “Campaigns and Elections”, (CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 69-70).
3. New course, Public Administration (PADM) 9080, “Public Policy Formation & Policy Analysis”, (PUB POL FOR & POL ANALYSIS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 71-72).
4. New course, Public Administration (PADM) 9991, “Capstone Seminar II”, (CAPSTONE SEMINAR II – 6 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 6 lab hours, and 6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 73-74).
5. Revised course description and title, Public Administration (PADM) 9990, “Capstone Seminar I”, (CAPSTONE SEMINAR I – 6 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 6 lab hours, and 6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 75-76).
6. Revised requirements for the DPA was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 77-79)
7. Revised requirements for the BS in Criminal Justice, and the Undergraduate-to-Graduate – addition of a new track – Forensics was approved Fall Semester 2026. (pages 80-88).
8. Revised requirements for the BA in Sociology and Anthropology was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 89-97).
9. Revised requirements for the minor in Anthropology was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 98-100).
10. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 3000, “Fundamentals of Forensic Investigations”, (FUNDMENTAL FORENS INVESTGATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 101-102).
11. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4030, “Immigration and Crime”, (IMMIGRATION AND CRIME – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read ...instructor. Examination of contemporary... . (Pages 103-104).
12. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4060, “Media and Crime”, (MEDIA AND CRIME – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read ...instructor. Examinations of media... . (Pages 105-106).
13. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4040, “Race and Crime”, (RACE AND CRIME – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read ...instructor. Examination of the intersection... . (Pages 107-108).
14. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4130, “Interviews and Interrogations”, (INTERVIEWS AND INTERROGATIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 109-110).

15. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4140, “Evidence”, (EVIDENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 111-112).
16. Revised course title, Anthropology (ANTH) 3510, “Social Science Research Methods”, (SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH MTHDS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 113-114).
17. Revised course title, Sociology (SOCI) 3000, “Social Science Statistics”, (SOCIAL SCIENCE STATISTICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 115-116).
18. Revised course title, Sociology (SOCI) 3510, “Social Science Research Methods”, (SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH MTHDS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 117-118).
19. Revised course title, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 3401, “Social Science Statistics”, (SOCIAL SCIENCE STATISTICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 119-120).
20. Revised course title, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 3402, “Social Science Research Methods”, (SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH MTHDS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 121-122).
21. Revised course prerequisites, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4010, “Comparative Justice Systems”, (COMPARATIVE JUSTICE SYSTEMS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 123-124).
22. Revised course prerequisites, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4110, “Forensic Criminalistics”, (FORENSIC CRIMINALISTICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 125-126).
23. Revised course prerequisites, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4700, “Special Topics in Criminal Justice”, (SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRJU – 3-6 credit hours, 3-6 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3-6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 127-128).
24. Revised course prerequisites, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 4800, “Seminar in Criminal Justice”, (SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 129-130).
25. Revised course description, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 7920, “Criminal Justice Policy Research”, (CJ POLICY RESEARCH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 150-151).
26. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 7030, “Immigration and Crime”, (IMMIGRATION AND CRIME – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 152-153).
27. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 7040, “Race and Crime”, (RACE AND CRIME – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read – An examination of... . (Pages 154-155).
28. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 7060, “Media and Crime”, (MEDIA AND CRIME – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read – An examination of how media... . (Pages 156-157).
29. Revised credit hours, English (ENGL) 8950, “MAESLAT Comprehensive Exam Reading Hours”, (MAESLAT COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – 1-6 credit hours, 1-6 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 1-6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 158-159).

30. Revised credit hours, English (ENGL) 8995, “Comprehensive Exam Reading Hours”, (COMP EXAM READING HOURS – 1-6 credit hours, 1-6 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 1-6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 160-161).
31. Revised credit hours, English (ENGL) 8999, “Thesis”, (THESIS – 1-6 credit hours, 1-6 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 1-6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 162-163).

D. College of the Arts

1. Revised course title, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6300, “Crisis and Risk Communication”, (CRISIS AND RISK COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 131-132).
2. Revised course description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7700, “Special Topics”, (SPECIAL TOPICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (133-134).
3. Revised course credit hours, and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7999, “Thesis or Project”, (THESIS OR PROJECT – 1-9 credit hours, 1-9 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 1-9 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (135-136).
4. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6000, “Strategic Integrated Communication”, (STRATEGIC INTEGRATED COMM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (137-138).
5. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6100, “Communication Leadership and Process Management”, (COMM LDRSHP & PROCESS MGNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (139-140).
6. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6250, “Emerging Communication Strategies and Design”, (EMERGNG COMM STRATGIES/DESIGN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (141-142).
7. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7300, “Global Media Systems and Policy”, (GLOBAL MEDIA SYSTEMS/POLICY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (143-144).
8. Revised course title and description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7800, “Communication, Ethics, Law, and Civic Engagement”, (COMM ETHICS/LAW/CIVIC ENGMNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages 145-146).

E. College of Education and Human Services

1. Revised requirements for the EDS in Special Education was approved effective Fall Semeste4 2026. (pages 178-179).
2. Replace RSCH 7100 with RSCH 8000 (pages 180-181). TABLED
3. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 6080, “Social Studies Methods”, (MNTRING PROF LRNGN/DEVLPMNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 182-183).
4. Revised course description, Education Accomplished Teaching (EDAT) 6000, “Professional Decision Making”, (PROF DECISION MAKING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 184-186).
5. Revised course description, Education Accomplished Teaching (EDAT) 6001, “Using Assessment to Improve

Teaching and Learning”, (ASSESSMENT IMPROV TCH/LEARN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 184-186).

6. Revised course title and description, Middle/Secondary Education (MSED) 6100, “Field Experience”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 187-189).
7. Revised course title and description, Middle/Secondary Education (MSED) 6200, “Clinical Supervision”, (CLINICAL SUPERVISION – 5 credit hours, 5 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 5 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 190-191).
8. Revised Selected MLIS Program Goals, Program Learning Outcomes, and Examples of Outcome Assessment was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 192-195).
9. New course, Library Science (MLIS) 7270, “Trauma-Informed Librarianship”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 196-197).
10. New course, Library Science (MLIS) 7720, “Digital Preservation”, (DIGITAL PRESERVATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 198-199).
11. New course, Library Science (MLIS) 7775, “Introduction to Public History”, (INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HISTORY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 200-201).
12. New course, Library Science (MLIS) 7776, “Principles of Public History”, (PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC HISTORY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 202-203).
13. Revised course description, Library Science (MLIS) 7421, “Multicultural Youth Literature”, (MULTICULTURAL YOUTH LITERATURE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 204-205).
14. Revised course title, and description, Library Science (MLIS) 7310, “Metadata”, (METADATA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 206-207).
15. Revised course number, Library Science (MLIS) 7600, “Research Methods”, (RESEARCH METHODS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 208-209). Deactivation of MLIS 7700.
16. Revised course number, Library Science (MLIS) 7770, “Library and Literacy in History”, (HISTORY OF LIBRARIES – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 210-211). Deactivation of MLIS 7970.
17. Revised course number, Library Science (MLIS) 7910, “Independent Study in Library and Information Science”, (INDEPENDENT STUDY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 212-213). Deactivation of MLIS 7950.
18. Revised course number, Library Science (MLIS) 7915, “Supervised Fieldwork”, (SUPERVISED FIELDWORK – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 214-215). Deactivation of MLIS 7960.
19. Deactivation of MLIS 7330 and 7425 were noted effective Summer Semester 2026. (pages 216-217).

F. Graduate School

1. Revised cumulative GPA language for the graduate catalog was approved effective Fall Semester 20206. (pages 216-

224).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar