

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 13, 2026

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, April 13, 2026. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Joshua Pifer, Ms. Meg Giddings (Proxy Dr. Haley Sherman), Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore (Proxy Ms. Samantha Paul), Dr. Colette Drouillard (Proxy Dr. Taralynn Hartsell), Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fleming Bell, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Dee Ott, Dr. Dee Ott (Proxy Dr. Lisa Battern), Dr. R. Paul Mihail, Dr. Jim Nienow, Dr. Kelly Mathis, Ms. Kytt 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, and Dr. Luis Gonzalez.

Catalog Editor: Ms. Monica Close

Visitors Present: Dr. Donna Sewell, Dr. Michael Black, Dr. Fred Knowles, Dr. Joe Robbins, Dr. Joseph Jones, and Dr. Tolulope Salami

The Minutes of the March 9, 2026, meeting were approved by email on March 25, 2026. (pages 1-7).

A. Graduate School

1. Revised Academic Standards and Regulations were approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with cumulative GPA changed to institutional GPA. (pages 8-11).

B. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Revised title, prerequisite and description, Public Administration (PADM) 9991, “Captone Seminar I”, (CAPSTONE SEMINAR I – 6 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 6 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 12-13).
2. New course, Public Administration (PADM) 9992, “Capstone Seminar II”, (CAPSTONE SEMINAR II – 6 credit hours, 6 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 14-15).

C. College of Business Administration

1. Revised Academic Transfer Policy for the College of Business was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 16-18).
2. Revised course prefix, Business Administration (BUSA) 3000, “Introduction to International Business”, (INTRO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 19-20). Deactivation of IB 3000.
3. Revised course prefix, Business Administration (BUSA) 3500, “Introduction to International Business”, (INTRO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 19-20). Deactivation of MGNT 3500.
4. Reactivation, Accounting (ACCT) 3203, “Intermediate Accounting III”, (INTRO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 23-24).
5. New course, Accounting (ACCT) 3300, “Financial Reporting & Business Decision Making”, (FIN REPORTING/BUS DECISION MKNG – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the prerequisite’s requirements moved to the beginning of the description.

(pages 25-30).

6. Reactivation, revised title, prerequisites, and description, Accounting (ACCT) 3900, “Government and Nonprofit Accounting”, (Government & Nonprofit Accounting – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – An examination of the accounting... . (pages 31-32).
7. Revised course description, Accounting (ACCT) 3201, “Intermediate Accounting I”, (INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNTING I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 33-35).
8. Revised course description, Accounting (ACCT) 3202, “Intermediate Accounting II”, (INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNTING II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 36-37).
9. Revised course prerequisites, Accounting (ACCT) 4410, “Accounting Information Systems”, (ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 38-39).

D. College of Science and Mathematics

1. Revised course description, Biology (BIOL) 3100, “Microbiology”, (MICROBIOLOGY – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 40-41).
2. Revised course description, Biology (BIOL) 5100, “Microbiology”, (MICROBIOLOGY – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 42-43).
3. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Geography was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 44-47). TABLED
4. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Geology was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 48-51). TABLED
5. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Natural Hazard Management was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 52-55). TABLED
6. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Geospatial Technology and Urban Planning was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 56-59). TABLED
7. New course, Geography (GEOG) 3060, “Remote Sensing of the Environment”, (REM SENS ENVIRON – 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 introduction to the theory...studies. Course emphasizes conceptual... . (Pages 60-61).
8. New course, Geography (GEOG) 3700, “Human Impacts on the Environment”, (HUMAN IMPACTS ENVIRONMENT – 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 human... . (Pages 62-70).
9. Revised prerequisites, Geography (GEOG) 3810, “Introduction to Biogeography”, (INTRODUCTION TO BIOGEOGRAPHY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 71-72).

D. College of Education and Human Services

1. Revised Field of Study for the BSED in Middle Grades Education was approved effective Fall Semester 2026.. (Pages 73-74).

2. Revised Field of Study and Senior Curriculum for the BSED in Elementary Education Face-to Face was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (75-77).
3. Revised Field of Study and Senior Curriculum for the BSED in Elementary Education eDegree was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (78-82).
4. Revised Field of Study and Senior Curriculum for the BSED in Secondary Education was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (83-86).
5. Revised degree requirements for the MED in Curriculum and Instruction in Accomplished Teaching was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (87-89).
6. New course, Education (EDUC) 2140, “Foundations of Reading”, (FOUNDATIONS OF READING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read – Development of scientifically based...reading The course emphasizes addresses word...contexts. The course emphasizes reflective... . (Pages 90-99).
7. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 3790, “Elementary Education Field Experience II”, (ELEMENTARY ED FIELD EXP I – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hour, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read Prerequisite: EDUC 2999 and a minimum GPA of 2.75. Co-requisite: ELED 3010. Graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory". An examination of a structured...preparing The course activities are... (pages 100-101).
8. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 4703, “Field Experience Grades 4-5”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE GRADES 4-5– 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hour, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite EDUC 2999. Graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory"... .. (pages 102-105).
9. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 4702, “Field Experienced Grades 1-3”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE GRADES 1-3 – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hour, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite EDUC 2999. Graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory"... . (pages 106-109).
10. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 4701, “Field Experienced Grades PreK-K”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE GRADES PreK-K – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hour, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read - Prerequisite: EDUC 2999. Graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory". A... . (pages 110-113).
11. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 3702, “English Language Arts methods for Elementary Education”, (ENG LANG ART MTHD ELED – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 114-117).
12. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 6090, “Field Experience”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hours, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisites: ELED 6050, EDUC 6051 and 6052. Graded “Satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory”. A structured... . (pages 118-119).
13. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 6091, “Clinical Practice in Elementary Education”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hours, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisites: ELED 6090. Graded “Satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory”. A structured... . (pages 120-121).
14. Revised course title, description and reactivation, Middle/Secondary Education (MSED) 6091, “Adolescent Development”, (ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Exploration of educational... . (pages 122-123).

15. Deactivation of MSED 6000 was noted effective Summer Semester 2026. (pages 124-125).
16. Revised course title, prerequisite, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 3690, “Elementary Education Field Experience I”, (ELED FIELD EXPERIENCE I – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hour, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite: EDUC 2999 and a GPA Minimum of 2.75. Graded “Satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory”. A structured... . (pages 126-127).
17. Revised course prefix, prerequisite, credit hours, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 3010, “Planning for Effective Teaching and Learning”, (PLAN EFFECTIVE TCHNG AND LRNG – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite: EDUC 2999 and a GPA Minimum of 2.75. An introduction... . (pages 128-129). Deactivation ELES 3010.
18. Revised course prefix, prerequisite, credit hours, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 3020, “Assessment to Promote Student Learning”, (ASSESS PROMOTE STUDENT LRNG – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite: EDUC 2999, ELED 3010, and a GPA Minimum of 2.75. The study... . (pages 130-131). Deactivation ELES 3020.
19. Revised course prefix, prerequisite, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 3100, “Developmentally Appropriate Practices”, (DEVELOPMENTALLY APPR PRACT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite: EDUC 2999, and a GPA Minimum of 2.75. An introduction... . (pages 130A-131A). Deactivation ELES 3100.
20. Revised course prefix, prerequisite, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 3210, “Introduction to the Management of Learning Environments”, (INTRO MGMT LRN ENVIRONMENTS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite: EDUC 2999, and a GPA Minimum of 2.75. Co-requisite: ELED 3210. Fundamentals of... . (pages 130B-131B). Deactivation ELES 3210.
21. Revised course title, and credit hours, Middle/Secondary Education (MSED) 6010, “Field Experience”, (FIELD EXPERIENCE – 10 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 10 lab hours, and 10 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 132-134).
22. Revised course title, grade mode, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 6071, “Math II”, (MATH II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 135-136).
23. Revised course title, grade mode, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 6070, “Math I”, (MATH I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 137-138).
24. Revised course title, grade mode, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 6060, “Literacy I”, (LITERACY I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 139-140).
25. Revised course title, grade mode, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 6061, “Literacy II”, (LITERACY II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 141-142).
26. Revised course title, grade mode, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 6081, “Science Methods”, (SCIENCE METHODS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 143-144).

27. Revised course title, Secondary Education (SEED) 4610, “Secondary Education Field Experience I”, (SCIENCE METHODS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 145-146).
28. Revised course prerequisites, Elementary Education (ELED) 4010, “Differentiated Instruction”, (DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 147-148).
29. Revised course prerequisites, Middle Grades Education (MGED) 3991, “Differentiated Classroom for Middle Grades”, (DIFFERENTIATED CLASSROOM MGE– 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisites: EDUC 2999, and a GPA of minimum 2.75. Study... . (pages 149-150).
30. Revised course prerequisites, Literacy (LITR) 3120, “Early Literacy”, (EARLY LITERACY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 151-152).
31. Revised course prerequisites, Literacy (LITR) 3130, “Developing Literacy”, (DEVELOPING LITERACY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 153-154).
32. Revised course title and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 3601, “Emergent Structured Literacy Foundations”, (EMERGENT STRUCTURED LIT/FUNDTN– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 1 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite: EDUC 2999. Introduction to foundations... . (pages 155-157).
33. Revised course title and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 4501, “Methods for Culturally Responsive Practice”, (METHODS CULTURALLY RES PRAC– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 1 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026 with the description changed to read – Prerequisite: EDUC 2999. A study of strategies... . (pages 158-159).
34. Revised course title, description, prerequisites, Secondary Education (SEED) 4620, “Secondary Education Field Experience II”, (SEED FIELD EXPERIENCE II – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 160-161).
35. Revised course title, description, prerequisites, Secondary Education (SEED) 4790, “Secondary Education Field Experience II”, (SEED FIELD EXPERIENCE II – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 162-163).
36. Revised course title, description, prerequisites, Elementary Education (ELED) 4690, “Elementary Education Field Experience III”, (ELED FIELD EXPERIENCE III – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 164-166).
37. Revised course title, description, prerequisites, Elementary Education (ELED) 4790, “Clinical Practice in Elementary Education”, (CLINICAL PRACTICE IN ELED – 10 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 10 lab hours, and 10 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 167-168).
38. Revised course title, description, prerequisites, Middle Grades Education (MGED) 4620, “Middle Grades Education Field Experience”, (MGED FIELD EXPERIENCE – 2 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 4 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 169-170).
39. Revised course title, description, prerequisites, Middle Grades Education (MGED) 4790, “Clinical Practice in the Middle Grades Education”, (CLINICAL PRACTICE IN MGED – 10 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 10 lab hours, and 10 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 171-172).
40. Revised course title, and description, Middle/Secondary Education (MSED) 6020 “Clinical Practice”, (CLINICAL PRACTICE – 10 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 10 lab hours, and 10 contact hours), was approved effective Fall

Semester 2026. (pages 173-175).

41. Revised course title, credit hours, and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 6080 “Social Studies Methods”, (SOCIAL STUDIES METHODS – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 176-177).
42. Revised course description, Special Education (SPEC) 2000 “Serving Students with Diverse Needs”, (SERVING STUDENTS DIVERSE NEEDS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 178-179).
43. Revised course description and prerequisite, Elementary Education (ELED) 4601 “Literacy Assessing and Instruction”, (LIT ASSESS AND INSTRUCTION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 180-183).
44. Revised course title, description and prerequisite, Elementary Education (ELED) 3700 “Intermediate Structured literacy Development and Practices”, (LIT DEVELOPMENT/PRACTICES– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 184-186).
45. Deactivation of ELED 3701 was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 187-188).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar