

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 9, 2026

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

Members Present: Ms. Chalise Ludlow (Proxy Dr. Haley Sherman, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Martha Leake (Proxy Shaun Ault), Dr. Byeonghua Park (Proxy Dr. Taewon Hwang), Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore (Proxy Ms. Smanatha Paul), Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fleming Bell, Dr. Kristy Litster, Ms. Tera Ray (Proxy Dr. Colette Drouillard), Dr. Dee Ott, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. R. Paul Mihail, Dr. Kristy Litster (Proxy Dr. Jim Nienow), Dr. Kelly Mathis, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Shaun Ault, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Mr. Jason Brown, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Jim Nienow, and Dr. Luis Gonzalez.

Catalog Editor: Ms. Monica Close

Visitors Present: Dr. Ray Elson, Dr. Theresa Grove, Dr. Donna Sewell, Dr. Tolulope Salami, Dr. Mohammad Movahed, Dr. Glenda Swan, Dr. Ashley Smith, Dr. Antoinetta Gazda, and Dr. Ian Anderson.

The Minutes of the January 12, 2026, meeting were approved by email on January 16, 2026. (pages 1-4).

A. College of Humanities and Social Science

1. Revised prerequisites, African American Studies (AFAM) 4010, “Internship in Africana Studies”, (INTERNSHIP IN AFRICANA STUDIES – 3 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2026. (pages 5-7).

B. College of the Arts and College Humanities and Social Science

1. New course, Journalism (JOUR) 4505, “Spectator Workshop”, (SPECTATOR WORKSHOP – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 8-9).
2. New course, Journalism (JOUR) 4580, “Sports, Media and Society”, (SPORTS, MEDIA AND SOCIETY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 10-11).
3. Revised course title, and description, Journalism (JOUR) 3570, “Visual Journalism”, (VISUAL JOURNALISM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 12-13).
4. Deactivation of JOUR 2500, 2510, 3080, 3500, 3520, 3540, 3560, 4500, 4560, 4700, and 4800 was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 14-15).

C. College of Science and Mathematics

1. Revised requirements for the BS in Data Science was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 16-19).
2. New course, Data Science (DATA) 4750, “Data Visualization for Data Science”, (DATA VISUALIZATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 20-21).
3. Revised prerequisite, Geography (GEOG) 1112K, “Introduction to Weather and Climate”, (INTRO WEATHER/CLIMATE – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 5 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 22-23).

4. New course, Geography (GEOG) 1073, “How Weather Changed Human History”, (HOW WEATHER CHANGED HISTORY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 24-35).
5. Revised IMPACTS (pages 36-42) ****Requires BOR approval****
6. Revised prerequisites, Biology (BIOL) 1107, “Principles of Biology I”, (PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 43-44).
7. Revised prerequisites, Biology (BIOL) 3530, “Biodiversity of Macrofungi”, (BIODIVERSITY OF MACROFUNGI – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 45-46).
8. Revised course description and credit hours, Biology (BIOL) 2950, “Directed Research”, (DIRECTED RESEARCH – 0-4 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3-12 lab hours, and 3-12 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 47-48).
9. Revised course description and credit hours, Biology (BIOL) 4850, “Biology Internship”, (BIOLOGY INTERNSHIP – 0-3 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3-9 lab hours, and 3-9 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 49-50).
10. Revised course description, credit hours, and prerequisites, Biology (BIOL) 4950, “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 51-52).
11. Revised course description and credit hours, Biology (BIOL) 6850, “Biology Graduate Internship”, (BIOLOGY GRADUATE INTERNSHIP – 0-3 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3-9 lab hours, and 3-9 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 53-54).
12. Revised course description, credit hours, and prerequisites, Biology (BIOL) 6950, “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 55-56).
13. Revised requirements and narrative for the BA in Biology was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 57-61).
14. Revised requirements and narrative for the BS in Biology was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 62-74).
15. Deactivation of BIOL 1100 was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 75-76).
16. Deactivation of BIOL 1951H was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 77-78).
17. Deactivation of BIOL 1952H was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 79-80).

D. College of Business Administration

1. Revised narrative and degree requirements for the MBA effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 81-85).
2. New degree MS in Business Intelligence & Analytics was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 86-90). *****Pending BOR Approval*****
3. Revised Educational Outcomes, and degree requirements for the MACC was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 91-94).
4. Revised course number, title, and description, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7420, “Current Topics in Systems and Analytics”, (CUR TOPICS IN SYSTM/ANALYTICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 95-96). Deactivation of MACC 7390.

5. New course, Business Administration (BUSA) 7100, “Privacy in the Digital Age”, (PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 97-98).
6. New course, Business Administration (BUSA) 7430, “Data Modeling and Visualization”, (DATA MODELING/VISUALIZATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 99-100).
7. New course, Business Administration (BUSA) 7900, “Strategic Decision Making with Data”, (DATA MODELING/VISUALIZATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 101-102).
8. New course, Master Business Administration (MBA) 7410, “Digital Marketing”, (DIGITAL MARKETING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 103-104).
9. New course, Master Business Administration (MBA) 7000, “Business Applications of Organizational Behavior”, (BUS APPLIC ORG BEHAVIOR– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 105-106).
10. New course, Master Business Administration (MBA) 7420, “Integrated marketing communication and advertising”, (INTGRTD MKT COMM/ADVERTISING– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 107-108).
11. New course, Master Business Administration (MBA) 7430, “Buyer Behavior and Marketing Performance Analytics”, (BUYR BEHVR/MKT PERF ANALYTICS– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 109-110).
12. New course, Master Business Administration (MBA) 7520, “Financial Analytics and Investment”, (BUYR BEHVR/MKT PERF ANALYTICS– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 111-112).
13. Revised course title, and prerequisites, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7100, “Advanced Corporate Financial Reporting”, (ADV CORPORATE FIN REPORTING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 113-114).
14. Revised course title, prerequisites and description, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7220, “Advanced Accounting”, (ADVANCED ACCOUNTING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 115-116).
15. Revised course title, and description, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7410, “Accounting Information Systems & Analytics”, (ACCT INFO SYSTM & ANALYTICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 117-118).
16. Revised course number, title, and description, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7430, “Accounting Data Modeling and Visualization”, (ACCT DATA MODEL/VISUALIZATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 119-120). Deactivation MACC 7453.
17. Revised course title, and prerequisites, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7800, “Advanced Auditing and Assurance Services”, (ADV AUDITING/ASSURANCE SERV – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 121-122).
18. Revised course description, Web Master Business Administration (WMBA) 6110, “Business Strategic Management”, (BUSINESS STRATEGIC MGNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 123-125).

19. Revised course title, and description, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7510, “Corporate Income Taxation”, (CORPORATE INCOME TAXATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 126-127).
20. Revised course title, prerequisites, and description, Master Business Administration (MBA) 7850, “Healthcare Data and Analytics”, (HEALTHCARE DATA AND ANALYTICS– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 128-129).
21. New course, Business Administration (BUSA) 7000, “Business Analytics and AI for Manager”, (HEALTHCARE DATA AND ANALYTICS– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 130-131).
22. Deactivation of MBA 7190 was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (Pages 132-133).

D. College of the Arts

1. Revised degree requirements for the BA in Art was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 134-138).
2. Revised degree requirements for the BFA in Art was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 139-142).
3. Revised degree requirements for the BA in Mass Media was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 143-146).
4. New course, Art (ART) 1001, “Pathways in Art”, (PATHWAYS IN ART– 0 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 0 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 147-149).
5. New course, Art (ART) 2040, “Foundation Review”, (FOUNDATION REVIEW – 0 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 0 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 150-151).
6. New course, Art (ART) 4173, “Senior Capstone”, (SENIOR CAPSTONE – 3 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 6 lab hours, and 6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 152-153).
7. New course, Mass Media (MDIA) 3380, “Development of the Moving Image”, (DVLPMNT OF MOVING IMAGE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 154-155).
8. New course, Mass Media (MDIA) 3900, “Directing for Media”, (DIRECTING FOR MEDIA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 156-157).
9. Revised course description and hours, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 7999, “Thesis or Project”, (THESIS OR PROJECT – 1-6 credit hours, 1-6 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 1-6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 158-159).
10. Revised course prerequisites, and description, Art (ART) 4170, “Professional Preparation”, (PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 160-161).
11. Revised course title, hours, prerequisites, and description, Art (ART) 4171, “Senior Critique”, (SENIOR CRITIQUE– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 162-163).
12. Revised course number and description, Mass Media (MDIA) 2600, “On-Air Announcing”, (ON-AIR ANNOUNCING– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 164-165). Deactivation of MDIA 3250.
13. Revised course prerequisites, Communications Arts (COMM) 3011, “Argumentation and Advocacy”, (ARGUMENTATION AND ADVOCACY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 166-167).

14. Revised course prerequisites, Communications Arts (COMM) 3021, “Persuasion and Social Influence”, (PERSUASION & SOCIAL INFLUENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 168-169).
15. Revised course prerequisites, Communications Arts (COMM) 4431, “Listening and Interviewing”, (LISTENING AND INTERVIEWING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 170-171).
16. Revised course prerequisites, Communications Arts (COMM) 4501, “Organizational Communication”, (ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 172-173).
17. Revised course prerequisites, Communications Arts (COMM) 4511, “Professional Communication”, (PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 174-175).
18. Revised course prerequisites and description, Public Relations (PREL) 2000, “Introduction to Public Relations”, (INTRO TO PUBLIC REALTIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 176-177).
19. Revised course prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 4220, “Integrated Communication”, (INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 178-179).
20. Revised course title, Mass Media (MDIA) 3350, “Aesthetics of Digital Media”, (AESTHETICS OF DIGITAL MEDIA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 180-181).
21. Revised course title, Mass Media (MDIA) 2050, “Introduction to Digital Media Production”, (INTRO DIGITAL MEDIA PRODCTN – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 182-183).
22. Revised course title and description, Mass Media (MDIA) 4100, “Media Economics”, (MEDIA ECONOMICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 184-185).
23. Revised course title and description, Mass Media (MDIA) 4950, “Senior Seminar and Portfolio”, (SENIOR SEMINAR & PORTFOLIO – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 186-187).

E. College of Education and Human Services

1. New track for the MS in Psychology – Accelerated (4+1) Program was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 188-190).
2. Revised degree requirements for the MED in Adult and Career Education – Workforce Education and Development option – Career Technical Education option – Human Resource Development option was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (Pages 191-195).
3. Revised requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Community and Technical College Leadership was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 196-200).
4. Revised course title and description, Adult and Career Education (ACED) 7530, “Mentoring for Professional Learning and Development”, (MNTRING PROF LRNGN/DEVLPMNT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 201-202).
5. Revised course title and description, Adult and Career Education (ACED) 7950, “Adult and Career Education

- Capstone”, (ADULT/CAREER EDUCATION CAPSTONE– 1-3 credit hours, 1-3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 1-3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 203-204).
6. Revised prerequisites, Education Exemplary Teacher (EDET) 8020, “Teacher Leadership Residency I”, (TEACHER LEADERSHIP RESIDENCY I –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 205-206).
 7. Revised prerequisites, Education Exemplary Teacher (EDET) 8050, “Teacher Leadership Residency III”, (TEACHER LEADERSHIP RESIDENCY III –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 207-208).
 8. Revised prerequisites, Education Exemplary Teacher (EDET) 8040, “Teacher Leadership Residency II”, (TEACHER LEADERSHIP RESIDENCY II –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 209-210).
 9. Revised prerequisites, Education Exemplary Teacher (EDET) 8880 “Capstone Seminar”, (CAPSTONE SEMINAR –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 211-212).
 10. Revised title and description, Elementary Education (ELED) 7220 “Elementary Classroom Environments”, (ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT –3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2026. (Pages 213-215).
 11. Revised description, Elementary Education (ELED) 7320 “Curriculum and Instructional Strategies P-5”, (CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES P-5 –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 216-217).
 12. Revised description, Elementary Education (ELED) 7330 “Issues and Trends in Elementary Education”, (ISSUES/TRENDS IN ELED –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 218-219).
 13. New degree BS in Sport Management was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages 220-223) ***Pending BOR Approval**
 14. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 2000 “Introduction to Sport Management”, (INTRO SPORT MANAGEMENT –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 223A-224).
 15. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 2400 “Sport and Entertainment Marketing”, (SPORT ENTERTAINMENT MKTG –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 225-226).
 16. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 3000 “Sport Technology”, (SPORT TECHNOLOGY –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 227-228).
 17. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 3100 “Ethics in Sport”, (ETHICS IN SPORT –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 229-230).
 18. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 3200 “Sport Writing”, (SPORT WRITING –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 231-232).
 19. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 3400 “Sport Event Management”, (SPORT EVENT MANAGEMENT –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 233-234).
 20. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 3600 “Sport Analysis”, (SPORT ANALYSIS –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 235-236).

21. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 3800 “Sport Finance”, (SPORT FINANCE –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 237-238).
22. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 4000 “Sport Policy and Governance”, (SPORT POLICY AND GOVERNANCE –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 239-240).
23. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 4200 “Sport and Fitness Facilities Management”, (SPORT/FITNESS FACILITIES MGNT –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 241-242).
24. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 4400 “Sales, Fundraising and Revenue Generation”, (SALE, FUNDRAISING & REV GEN –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 243-244).
25. New course, Sport Management (SMGT) 4800 “Sport Management Internship”, (SPORT MGNT INTERNSHIP –1-6 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 1-6 lab hours, and 1-6 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. (Pages 245-246).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar