VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 10, 2025

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, November 10, 2025. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Jospeh Pifer, Dr. Haley Sherman, Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore (Proxy Ms. Samantha Paul), Dr. Kristy Litster, Dr. Haley Sherman (Proxy for Ms. Meg Giddings), Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Dee Ott, Dr. Dee Ott (Proxy for Dr. Lisa Batten), Dr. Jim Nienow, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Shaun Alt, Ms. Smanatha Paul, Mr. Jason Brown, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fleming Bell, Ms. Caitlyn Register, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. R. Paul Mihail, Dr. Luis Gonzalez, and Dr. Kelly Mathis.

Catalog Editor: Dr. Emma Kostopolus

Visitors Present: Dr. Michael Black, Dr. M. J. Kasper, Dr. Stacey Brunston, Ms. Lauren McCullough, Dr. Lois Bellflower, and Dr. Cristina Calestani.

The Minutes of the September 8, 2025, meeting were approved by email on September 11, 2025. (pages 1-2).

A.   College of Education and Human Services

1. Revised course title and description, Kinesiology and Physical Education (KSPE) 1090, "Racquet Sports", (RACQUET SPORTS – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the description changed to read – A fundamental course in racquet… . (pages 3-4).

B.   Office of Student Success and Retention

1. New course, Re-Ignite Seminar (RISE) 1000, "Re-Ignite Seminar for Academic Recovery", (ACADEMIC RECOVERY SEMINAR –0 credit hours, 1 lecture hour, 1 lab hour, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2026 – with the description changed to read - Prerequisites: Approved appeal of academic standing suspension or financial aid SAP appeal. Graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory". A course supporting undergraduates with fewer than 90 credits allowed to persist through an approved suspension appeal. Students build academic recovery skills through weekly seminars, study hall attendance, and targeted assignments. Emphasis is placed on time management, study strategies, mindset, and effective use of campus resources to regain momentum. (pages 5-12).

2. New course, Re-Ignite Seminar (RISE) 2000, "Re-Ignite Seminar for Academic Recovery", (ACADEMIC RECOVERY SEMINAR –0 credit hours, 1 lecture hour, 1 lab hour, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2026 – with the description changed to read - Prerequisite: Approved appeal of academic standing suspension or financial aid SAP appeal. Graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory". A course supporting undergraduates with 60+ earned credits allowed to persist through an approved suspension appeal. RISE 2000 supports persistence and successful transition to graduation. By focusing on advanced strategies (e.g., degree completion, financial literacy, and career readiness) while maintaining accountability through weekly seminars and study hall. (pages 13-20).

B.   College of Science and Mathematics

1. Revised Department of Biology narrative -graduate catalog – was approved effective Spring Semester 2026. (pages 21-23).

2. Revised degree requirements for the MS in Biology, renaming the non-thesis, and adding a new concentration Genomics was BBA in Accounting was approved effective Spring Semester 2026. (pages 24-27).

C.   College of Humanities and Social Science

1. Revised course title, Psychology (PSYC) 3400, "Psychological Disorders", (PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 28-29).

2. New course, Korean (KREN) 1001, "Beginning Korean Language and Introduction to Korean Culture I", (BG KOREAN LG AND INTRO CULT I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the description changed to read – An introductory course to developing proficiency… Guidelines. The course will include awareness of… . (pages 30-32).

3. New course, Korean (KREN) 1002, "Beginning Korean Language and Introduction to Korean Culture II", (BG KOREAN LG AND INTRO CULT II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the description changed to read – …guidelines. The course will include awareness. Pages (33-35).

4. New course, Korean (KREN) 2001, "Intermediate Korean Language and Introduction to Korean Culture I", (INTRM KOREAN LG & INTRO CULT I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the description changed to read – …guidelines. The course will include awareness. Pages (36-38).

5. New course, Korean (KREN) 2002, "Intermediate Korean Language and Introduction to Korean Culture II", (INTRM KOREAN LG &INTRO CULT II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring 2026 with the description changed to read – …guidelines. The course will include awareness. Pages (39-41).

D. **College of the Arts**

1. Revised degree requirements for the BA in Communication was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 42-45).

2. New degree concentration for the MAT in Education – Art Education was approved Summer Semester 2025. (pages 46-48).

3. Revised degree requirements for the BFA in Theatre Arts was approved effective Spring Semester 2026. (pages 48-52).

4. Revised degree requirements for the BA in Music – Music Education Track was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 53-58).

5. New course, Music Education (MUE) 1000, "Introduction to Classroom Instruments", (INTRO TO CLASSROOM INSTRUMENTS – 1 credit hour, 1 lecture hour, 0 lab hours, and 1 contact hour, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (59-63).

6. New course, Music Education (MUE) 4900, "Serving Students with Special Needs in the Music Classroom", (SERV STDN SPEC NEED MUS CLASRO – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …3000. An introduction… . Pages (64-70).

E. **College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

1. Revised Selected Educational Outcomes for the BSHS was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 71-73).

2. Revised Admission Requirements and Program Outcomes for the BSN was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 74-78).

3. Revised degree requirements for the BSHS was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 79-82).

4. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 3200, "Integrative Pathophysiology I", (INTEGRATIVE PATHOPHYS I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4200. An integrative… . Pages (83-90).

5. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 3250, "Integrative Pathophysiology II", (INTEGRATIVE PATHOPHYS II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4400. An in-dept examination of the pathophysiology of the immune, musculoskeletal… . Pages (91-98).

6. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 3400, "Mental Health and Wellness", (MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4600. An in-depth… . Pages (99-106).

7. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 3500, "Physical Activity and Health", (PHYSICAL ACTIVIT AND HEALTH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read - Prerequisites: Completion of Progression Requirements of Professional Program. Co-requisites: HSHS 3850, 4500, and 4700. A course for healthcare professionals that provides a comprehensive understanding of the role of physical activity in health and wee-being emphasis is placed on the social, political, and economic influences on physical activity. Pages (107-110).

8. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 4200, "Survey of US Healthcare Systems and Policy", (SURV US HLTHCARE SYSTEMS AND POLICY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …3600. An overview…reform. Emphasis placed on the roles.. . Pages (111-119).

9. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 4400, "Ethical Issues in Healthcare", (ETHICAL ISS IN HEALTHCARE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4300. An intro to ethical… . Pages (120-127).

10. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 4450, "Community and Public Health", (COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4600. An overview of public… . Pages (128-135).

11. New course, Health Science (HSHS) 4700, "Healthcare Information Systems", (HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEMS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (136-143).

12. Revised course title, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 3000, "Introduction to Healthcare Practice", (INTRO TO HEALTHCARE PRACTICE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (144-145).

13. Revised course description, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 3300, "Health Assessment and Promotion", (HLTH ASSESSMENT AND PROMOTION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4400. An introduction to the …. Pages (146-147).

14. Revised course number, title, description, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 3850, "Foundations of Epidemiology", (FOUNDATIONS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4700. An introduction to the fundamental… . Pages (148-149). Deactivation of HSEP 3360.

15. Revised course description, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 3600, "Medical and Healthcare Terminology", (MEDICAL & HLTHCARE TERMINOLOGY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4400. An introduction to the …. Pages (150-151).

16. Revised course number, description, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 4600, "Evidence Based Practice in Healthcare", (EVIDENCE BASED PRAC IN HLTHCAR – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4400. An introduction to the …. Pages (152-153). Deactivation of HSHS 3800.

17. Revised course description, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 3900, "Current Trends and Issues in Healthcare", (CUR TREND ISSUE HEALTHCARE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4400. An introduction to the …. Pages (154-155).

18. Revised course title, description, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 4300, "Professionalism and Leadership in Healthcare", (PROFESSIONAL & LDRSHP HLTHCAR – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026 with the description changed to read …4400. An exploration of the core…. Pages (156-157).

19. Revised course description, and prerequisites, Health Science (HSHS) 4500, "Communication and Cultural Competence in Healthcare", (COMM CULTUR COMP HEALTH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Fall 2026. Pages (158-159).

20. Deactivation of HSEP 6080, 6160, 7010, 7020, 7060, 7100, 7120, 7170, 7200, 7400, 7950, 7990, and 7999 was noted effective Fall Semester 2026. Pages (160-161).

Respectfully submitted,

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Registrar