VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 9, 2026

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

Members Present: Dr. Bradley Sowell, Dr. Haley Sherman, Dr. Md Amin (Proxy for Dr. Xinyu Wang), Ms. Samantha Paul, Ms. Melissa Pihos, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Dr. Haley Sherman (Proxy for Ms. Meg Giddings), Dr. Fleming Bell, Dr. Kristy Litster, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Lisa Batten (Proxy for Dr. L Dee Ott), Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. Timothy Fort, Dr. Timothy Fort (Proxy for Dr. Andreas Lazari), Dr. Colette Drouillard (Proxy for Dr. Kelly Mathis), Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Dr. Felicia Sauls, Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Martha Leake, Dr. Xinyu Wang, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. L. Dee Ott, Dr. Andreas Lazari, Dr. Cori Crews, and Dr. Kelly Mathis.

Catalog Editor: Ms. Monica Close

Visitors Present: Dr. Mike Savoie, Dr. Patricia Williams, and Dr. Barney Rickman.

The Minutes of the September 14, 2026, meeting were approved by email on September 18, 2026. (pages 1-2).

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

1. Revised requirements for the BSED in Communication Disorders was approved effective Fall Semester 2027. (pages 3-5).

B. College of Science and Mathematics

1. Revised prerequisites, Mathematics (MATH) 3900, "Mathematical Theory of Interest", (MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF INTEREST – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2027. (pages 6-7).

C. Honors College

1. Revised narrative for the Honors Certificate and requirements was approved effective Spring Semester 2027. (pages 8-12).

D. Academic Affairs

1. Revised catalog copy for the Core Impacts (Pages 13-19). WITHDRAWN

E. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. New courses, (INDS) 4910, "Internship in Interdisciplinary Studies", (INTERNSHIP IN INDS – 3-12 credit hours, 0 lecture hours, 3-12 lab hours, and 3-12 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2027. (Pages 20-21).

2. New course, History (HIST) 4245, "Chiefs, Shamans, and Warriors: Native America to the Present", (CHIEFS, SHAMANS, AND WARRIORS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2027. Pages (22-23).

3. New course, History (HIST) 6245, "Chiefs, Shamans, and Warriors: Native America to the Present", (CHIEFS, SHAMANS, AND WARRIORS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2027. Pages (24-25).

4. New course, Native American Indigenous Studies (NAIS) 4245, “Chiefs, Shamans, and Warriors: Native America to the Present”, (CHIEFS, SHAMANS, AND WARRIORS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2027. Pages (26-27).

5. New course, Native American Indigenous Studies (NAIS) 6245, “Chiefs, Shamans, and Warriors: Native America to the Present”, (CHIEFS, SHAMANS, AND WARRIORS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours, was approved effective Summer 2027. Pages (28-29).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar