

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 14, 2026

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Magnolia Room, Monday, September 14, 2026. Dr. Donna Sewell, Interim Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Ms. Chalise Ludlow (Proxy Dr. Bradley Sowell), Dr. Haley Sherman, Dr. Martha Leake, Ms. Samantha Paul, Ms. Melissa Pihos, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Dr. Haley Sherman (Proxy Ms. Meg Giddings), Dr. Fleming Bell, Dr. Kristy Litster, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Dee Ott, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. Kelly Mathis, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Samantha Paul (Proxy Ms. Tera Ray).

Members Absent: Dr. Bradley Sowell, Dr. Felicia Sauls, Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Xinyu Wang, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Timothy Fort, Dr. Andreas Lazari, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Catalog Editor: Ms. Monica Close

Visitors' Present: Dr. Michael Black, Dr. Tolulope Salami, Mr. Sam McFarland, Dr. Rickman, Ms. Lauren McCullough, and Dr. David Monetti

The Minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting were approved by email on April 16, 2026. (pages 1-6).

A. Office of Student Success & 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 Fall Semester 2026. (pages 7-9).
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 Fall Semester 2026. (pages 10-12).

B. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Revised requirements for the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies Field of Study was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 13-14).
2. Revised requirements for the Field of Study for the BA in History was approved effective Fall Semester 2027. (pages 15-19).
3. Revised senior college curriculum for the BA in History was approved effective Fall Semester 2027. (pages 20-22).
4. New course, Psychology (PSYC) 4980, "Internship in Psychology", (INTERNSHIP IN PSYCHOLOGY – 3 credits hours, 0 lecture hours, 1 lab hour, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 23-24).

C. College of Science and Mathematics

1. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Environmental and Climate Sciences was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 25-27).
2. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Environmental Sustainability was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 28-31).
3. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Geography was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 32-35).

4. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Geology was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 36-39).
5. Revised requirements for the BS in Environmental Geosciences – Natural Hazard Management was approved effective Fall Semester 2026. (pages 40-43).
6. 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 44-52).
7. New course, Geography (GEOG) 3720, “Environmental Sustainability and Resource Management”, (ENV SUSTAIN & MGMT – 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 Environmental... . (Pages 53-57).

D. Academic Affairs

1. Determination of Credit Hours for courses policy (Pages 58-62).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar