



## FACULTY SENATE

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**Chairperson**  
Ronald M. Zaccari

**Vice Chairperson**  
Louis Levy

**Executive Secretary**  
Mike Meacham

**Parliamentarian**  
John Samaras

### Agenda

November 17, 2005

The Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, November 17, 2005 in the **ODUM LIBRARY AUDITORIUM** at 3:30 p.m.

Items in **bold print** are items that require action by the Faculty Senate. Other items are for information only.

**Special Request:** At the request of the University President and Chairperson of the Senate, any actions from the Senate sent to the Chairperson for approval after the Senate votes should be accompanied by a written document with the rationale and purpose of the decision.

1. Call to Order by Ronald M. Zaccari  
For the benefit of record keeping, senators and visitors will please identify themselves when speaking to an issue during the meeting. Please use the microphones to assist with accurate recording. All senators must sign the roster in order to be counted present
  - a. Update on University Council and Board of Regents
2. **Approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2005, meeting of the Faculty Senate. These may be found at:**  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/facsen/Minutes/051020min.pdf>
3. New business
  - a. Report from the Academic Committee – Louis Levy
  - c. Report from the Committee on Committees – Elaine Yontz
  - d. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – Richard Schmertzinger
  - e. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – John Hummel
  - f. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – Stephen Lahr

g. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary – Mike Meacham

- (1) Request to investigate the university plagiarism to find a means to check if a student has a prior offense (to Educational Policies: Please consult with Richard Lee) ([Appendix 1](#))
- (2) Request to remove phrase “No change in a student’s major program may be made during registration” (Educational Policies; Please consult with Chuck Hudson) ([Appendix 2](#))
- (3) Consideration of charging E-rate to Distance Learning students (Technology Committee) ([Appendix 3](#))
- (4) Nominating Committee (Shirley Andrews, Michael Noll, Cindy Tori)

4. Old Business

- a. Changing “handicapped” to “Persons with Disability” on several documents (Minority and Special Student Needs Committee)

5. Discussion

6. Adjournment

## Appendix 1

### **INVESTIGATE PLAGIARISM POLICY**

Request that the senate investigate the policy. The specific difficulty is that the Student Handbook states that disciplinary action beyond an “F” may be given for repeated offenses. Faculty member wants to know if we have a way to check for prior offenses or if we may create a means.

## Appendix 2

### **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON STATEMENT IN CATALOG**

On page 79 of the 2005/2006 catalog there is a phrase stating “No change in a student’s major program may be made during registration”.

Request is to review this and determine if it is being followed. Also asks if the phrase should be changed or eliminated.

## Appendix 3

### **CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT TO CHARGE E-RATES TO ON-LINE STUDENTS**

Many universities have a special fee for on-line students, generally known as E-rates. Request to consider whether or not Valdosta State University should charge e-rates.