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2021-2022 Annual Report of the Faculty Senate Michele Blankenship, President

The Faculty Senate met eight times during the 2021-2022 academic year. The Executive Committee invited President Carvajal and Provost Smith to all meetings. The minutes reflect their attendance and comments. At each meeting, the statutory committees and standing committees of the Senate were encouraged to give reports. A number of meetings featured presentations by guests. The minutes of each meetings are available on the [Faculty Senate](https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php) website at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php>. A brief summary of Faculty Senate activity can be found below.

August 2021

- New and returning senators were welcomed for the beginning of the academic year.
- Michele Blankenship provided guidelines for online participation in Faculty Senate (FS) meetings and other important reminders for the upcoming year.
- Comments made by President Carvajal included fall enrollment, the COVID-19 situation and reported cases, and facility renovations being proposed for funding.
- Comments made by Provost Smith included administration evaluations not abiding by the Board of Regents' (BOR) policies, funding of Faculty Scholarships, and the upcoming search for Dean of the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS).
- Shannon McGee, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration, reported on the new License Plate Recognition system being used in terms of regulating parking.
- Mike Savoie, Dean of the Honors College, spoke about the proposed revisions to the Promotion and Tenure Guidelines.
- Based on faculty concerns, discussion ensued about the reinstatement of the mask mandate and a possible vaccine mandate. Vote was made that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee write a resolution to be forwarded to administration.

September 2021

- Comments from President Carvajal included information related to the development of the NPHC Plaza, Strategic Planning, and the Leadership Lowndes program.
- Provost Smith discussed how the University System of Georgia (USG) was proposing a change in the Post-Tenure Policy, adjusting the process for evaluating Administrative personnel, the formulation of a committee to review replacing the APLnextED system, and the declining COVID-19 infection numbers.
- Sheri Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, drafted a revision of the Faculty Handbook in which it was remanded to Faculty Affairs Committee to pursue.

October 2021

- President Carvajal provided updates on the third installment of the CVIOG salary adjustment, the Board of Regents' approval of honoring Dr. Maggie Viverette, next Budget Advisory Committee meeting, and referring students to Hope Connect for socio-emotional and mental health concerns.
- Provost Smith mentioned about the need to revise University Statutes, establishing a task force to visit changes in the Post-Tenure Review policy and defining Student Success Activities as a category, and declining COVID-19 infection numbers.
- Mitch Lockhart, Chair of Faculty Affairs Committee, offered updates regarding changes to the Promotion and Tenure and Faculty Handbook. Recommendations will be forwarded to the FS Executive Committee.
- Brian Gerber, Chair of Internalization and Globalization Committee, spoke about the idea of offering an International Studies minor on campus.
- Brian Ring gave updates from the USG Faculty Council.

November 2021

- President Carvajal reported on the status of the Budget Advisory Committee's (BAC) review of one-time and permanent funding, how redistricting could affect representation of South Georgia in the legislation, and upcoming campus events like homecoming and NCAA.
- Provost Smith provided updates on the task forces related to revisions of Post-Tenure and Evaluation of Administrators, and the University Statutes.
- John Crawford from the Division of University Advancement spoke about fundraising campaigns and their importance.
- Jeanine Boddie-La Van from Human Resources spoke about two developments: using ePerformance to submit staff evaluations and developing a telework proposal for Cabinet review.
- Mike Savoie submitted a recommendation for Faculty Senate to approve changes to the Promotion and Tenure Policy that primarily dealt with providing non-tenure track colleagues with a pathway to promotion. Faculty Senate voted to approve the changes.

January 2022

- Remarks from President Carvajal included spring enrollment and retention and strategic planning. He also mentioned that Governor would be making two recommendations that could affect VSU: (1) the elimination of special institutional fees, but with the state commitment to cover any loss institutions may incur from this change, and (2) the implementation of a \$5000 cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all state government employees.
- Provost Smith provided updates on COVID-19 matters, the need for retaining students, the COEHS Dean Search, and financial assistance from the state. Provost Smith also gave updates related to the Comprehensive Academic Administrator Evaluation and University Statutes.
- Becky da Cruz, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Research, spoke about updating the number of transfer hours for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) to recruit and retain adult learners in specific programs.
- Duke Guthrie, Chair of the Diversity and Equity Committee, reported that the committee developed definitions related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Terms for Valdosta State University. The draft was sent to the administration for review.
- In general discussion, Cynthia Tori asked whether changes to the General Core requirements would happen. Provost Smith replied that Tristan Denley's departure from the USG had likely stalled the discussion until a permanent Chancellor was named.

February 2022

- President Carvajal presented updates on the search for the new Chancellor for USG, the work that the Strategic Planning committee had been doing, recommendations being made by the Governor in legislation, and the need to retain students.
- Provost Smith offered updates regarding COVID-19, Post-Tenure Task Force efforts, and the need to review current Academic Suspension Policy. Faculty Senate Executive Committee forwarded the

Suspension Policy to the Educational Policies Committee for review.

- Hoa Nguyen reported on proposed changes to the anti-discrimination, anti-sexual harassment as well as non-discrimination policies.
- Robbyn DeSpain, Director of Strategic Communications, shared a presentation regarding the Stakeholder Communication Policy and how it works.
- A.J. Rameriz, Chair of Library Affairs Committee, received seven applications for the Library Contingency Funds and all were awarded.
- Lynn Crump, Chair of Technology Committee, reported on the findings gathered from the Technology Survey distributed on campus.
- In general discussion, the topics of the Concerning Behavior Student reports and students parking in Staff/Faculty spaces occurred.

March 2022

- Remarks from President Carvajal included using end-of-year monies to help pay for debt services and support operations in fee-funded areas, receiving the recommended definitions for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies, and receiving approval from legislation for the cost-of-living adjustment, funding for Farber Hall's renovations, and \$300,000 to develop eDegree programs, particularly in elementary education.
- Provost Smith mentioned that both the Council on Staff Affairs (COSA) and the Student Government Association (SGA) reviewed and provided feedback on the revisions to the University Statutes. A General Faculty Meeting would be called to vote on the revisions. If a quorum did not exist, an electronic vote would occur.
- Sheri Gravett provided updates regarding the Post-Tenure Task Force committee. The VSU Faculty Evaluation Model (FEM) had to be updated to meet BOR policies. Committee was defining "student success" activities and how it fits within the 5-tier evaluation model. Other areas of concern included remediation strategies for the Needs Improvement and Does Not Meet Expectation categories, the appeals process, and the Performance Remediation Plan and Performance Improvement Plan for unsatisfactory annual and post-tenure reviews.
- The Educational Policies committee brought forth a recommendation to revise the Academic Suspension Policy. Faculty Senate approved of the recommended change.
- Nominations for the Senate Executive Committee were called upon.

April 2022

- Melinda Harbaugh reported for President Carvajal and Provost Smith in their absence. She reported on the strong support by the legislative body this year to support funding for USG institutions, finalizing the Strategic Plan for the University, and the need for faculty members to connect with students on campus, supported by the feedback received from students during the Strategic Planning process.
- Shannon McGee shared a presentation with faculty senate explaining results of the research her office conducted related to issues of faculty parking spaces. Based on the data, the parking committee recommended: (a) use e-ticketing beginning Summer 2022 as a way to cover more lots, (b) increase the fee by \$10 to deter students parking in staff/faculty lots, and (c) use larger lots at entrances to allow more time to patrol perimeter lots.
- Sheri Gravett proposed that the revisions to the Faculty Evaluation Model be approved by Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate approved the revisions.
- The Internalization and Globalization committee began updating the minor in Interdisciplinary Studies, including the removal of the Study Abroad requirement. It also advises moving the minor to an academic department. In fall, a program plan for the minor would be developed.
- Elections for the Senate Executive Committee were held.

The Annual Reports submitted by Committee Chairs are attached.

Statutory Committees and the 2020-2021 Chairs:

Academic Committee—Sheri Gravett: **Appendix A**
Committee on Committees—Nicole Alemanne: **Appendix B**
Faculty Affairs Committee—Mitch Lockhart : **Appendix C**
Faculty Grievance Committee—Mary Block: **Appendix D**

Standing Committees and the 2020-2021 Chairs:

Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee—Ericka Helena Parra: **Appendix E**
Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee—Robert Taylor: **Appendix F**
Athletic Committee—Megan Wood: **Appendix G**
Diversity and Equity Committee—Duke Guthrie: **Appendix H**
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Technology Committee—Lynn Crump: **Appendix O**

Appendix A

Academic Affairs Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>

New and updated academic programs/curriculum overview:

New Dual Degree Program:

- DNP/MBA (Doctor of Nursing Practice with a Master's in Business Administration)

New Degree Names:

- Ed.D. with a Major in Adult Learning and Development replaces Ed.D with a Major in Adult and Career Education

New Tracks in Existing Degree Programs:

- Environmental Sustainability in the BS in Environmental Geosciences
- Applied Physics in the BS in Physics
- Medical Physics in the BS in Physics
- Business Option in the BS in Chemistry
- Teaching Option in the BS in Chemistry
- Environmental Option in the BS in Chemistry
- Pre-Dental Option in the BS in Chemistry
- Pre-Medical Option in the BS in Chemistry

New Minors/Certificates:

- Certificate in Africana Studies
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship

Terminated Majors

- BAS with a Major in Human Capital Performance
- BS with a Major in Athletic Training
- MAT with a Major in Agricultural Education

Deactivated Minors:

- Supply Chain Management

New Course Prefixes:

- Courses in the Industrial-Organizational Psychology graduate program are now IOPY rather than PSYC
- Similarly, courses in the Counselor Education graduate program are now COUN rather than PSYC
- CPL (Credit for Prior Learning) has replaced PLA (Prior Learning Assessment)

New Course Numbers:

- To conform to the new common number at the USG level, BIOL 2651 and 2652 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II) are now BIOL 2251K and 2252K
- To conform to the new common number at the USG level, BIOL 2900 (Microbiology in Health and Disease) is now BIOL 2260K

Appendix B

Committee on Committees Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Committee on Committees **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Nicole Alemanne (Chair), Peggy Moch (Past Chair), Melissa Pihos (Chair Elect), Beatriz Potter, Laura Carter, Marko Horn, Ken Smith

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Unit recruitment and elections needed to be filled for senate and university committee openings for fall 2022 (committee generated).	All identified upcoming open seats should be filled as soon as possible.	Vacancies have been identified and representatives were in the process of filling vacant seats.	N/A

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Appendix C

Faculty Affairs Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Faculty Affairs Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Faculty Senators: Mitch Lockhart (Chair); Xiaoi Ren; Javian Brabham. General Faculty Elected by Units: Melissa Porterfield; Ligia Focsan; Kelley Parker; Grazyna Walczak; Sakhavat Mammadov; Mary Beth Rousseau; Laura Wright.

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Faculty Handbook Update and Revision: The VSU Faculty Handbook had not been updated in several years. Drs. Gravett and Black updated the handbook to align with current USG and VSU policies. All links in the document were updated to reflect current webpages as well.	Approved	Forward to Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Approved
University Tenure and Promotion Document: The UTPC committee has been working for about 2 years to update the Promotion and Tenure document for VSU. This included receiving updates from each unit on campus and ensuring the overall document aligned with USG guidelines. Of particular note was clarifying the language on and for Instructor rank classifications.	Approved	Forward to Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Approved

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Appendix D

Faculty Grievance Committee Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Faculty Grievance Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Faculty Senate Representative: Mary Block (Chair). General faculty elected at large: Tamara Hardesty; Deborah Davis; Andreas Lazari; Todd Royle; Martha Laughlin; Michelle Ritter.

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
The Faculty Grievance Committee had no formal complaints for the academic year 2021-2022. The Committee did not meet.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendix E

Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Ericka Parra (Chair); Fanhao Nie (Past Chair); Lindsay Godin (Chair-elect); Taralynn Hartsell; Nicole Cox; Sarah Arnett; Adam Safer; Mark Groszos; Deb Brihl; Lavonna Lovern; Zulal Denaux; Kelly Gamble; Karen Noll; Mike Bochenko; Michelle Ritter; Heidi Gonzalez; Emily Rogers; Angie Gannon. Ex-Officio members: LaGary Carter; Blake Pearce; Leah Robinson/Lisa Snipres; Laura Northup; Vanessa Okojie.

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
In November 2021, Chair sent out emails requesting nominations for the GLARDA award.	Start sending out emails in September.	Email sent to VSU listserv	NA
<p>During the fall semester, nominations were solicited from VSU for the Georgia Legislative Academic Recognition Day (GLARDA) representative for 2021.</p> <p>Four nominations were received, and the committee voted to select one from the four nominees.</p>	Vanessa Okojie (student in Political Science) was selected as the VSU GLARDA representative.	GLARDA winner name sent to the President's Office & to USG office	NA
<p>During the spring semester 2022, the committee solicited nominations from departments and faculty at large for the annual Annie Powe Hopper Award.</p> <p>Six nominations were received, and the committee voted to select the top three finalists. This was done online and completed on March 29th</p>	<p>The top 3 nominees were then sent to Committee for interviews on March 25th</p> <p>In progress actions</p> <p>Learn more about Ms Annie Powe Hopper.</p> <p>Review the selection of the finalists' – the tally's votes, create a rubric that reflects Ms. Annie Powe Hopper goals.</p> <p>Questions should be given to the finalists to prepare before interview.</p> <p>Ensure equity in the way to conduct the interviewing</p>	Vanessa Okojie (student in Political Science) was selected as the winner. Name was sent to the President's Office to Lisa Snipes.	NA

	<p>process – all Teams or all F2F; technology should be checked in advance. Share prize among the three finalists. Review the Committee bylaws so the Committee will take full charge of the Honors Dinner.</p> <p>In August, held a meeting with the CP, CE and C with Lisa Snipes.</p>		
The Honors Dinner was held in person (COVID-19 precautions) on April 28 th	NA	The Committee chair was the EMCEE and members were at the check-in.	NA

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Appendix F

Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Robert Taylor (Ch), Yakov Woldman (CE), Ian Anderson (PC), David Springfield, Maila Springfield, Jim Nienow, Lin Chen, Neena Banerjee, Marty Williams, Attila Cseh, Jonathan Krispin, Jamie Workman, Laverne Hill, Mallory Lane, Brian Williams, Ken Smith, Megan Hancock, Mark McNalley, Hailey Wilkinson, Marcus Houston, Stanley Jones (ex-officio), Ryan Hogan (ex-officio), Honey Coppage (ex-officio), Bobby Tucker (ex-officio), Zduy Chu (ex-officio).

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Fall 2021 exam schedule was incorrect	Committee made 3 additions to the schedule.	M/W Class- 9:00-9:50: Test time: Friday 8:00 am – 10:00 am One Evening a Week Class: Monday 5:00 – 7:45 Test time: Wednesday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Fix typo on page 3. Future exam scheduling should be maintained by the Registrar.	NA
Faculty grading period concerns	The committee is investigating ways in which faculty can gain additional time to grade between the end of finals and when grades are due	Discussion is ongoing.	NA
Addition of Graduate Ceremony dates to the calendar	Committee added the dates requested to the calendar	Updated calendar emailed to individuals who requested them.	NA

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Appendix G

Athletic Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Athletic Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Meagan Wood (chair), Mallory Lane (past chair), Chunlei Liu, Skye Holmes, Colin Walker, M. Denise Lovett, Blair Thomas, Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam, Shafat Mubin, Nancy Swanson, Ilke Kardes, Eugene Asola, Lauren Holzberg, Stacey Walters, Paul Higgs, Steve Scheuler, Jay Johnson, Justin Carter. Ex Officio members: Herb Reinhard, Jennifer Grubbs, David Kuhlmeier, Whit Chappell, David Boyd.

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
How to send out notify faculty of student athletes that are in their classes	Create some email that can be sent out listing the student athletes	David Pulliam created a program/email that will be sent out to faculty that have student athletes. The student's name will be provided	N/A
Fall 2021 SAAS Award Nominations	N/A	Email sent out and deadline was October 22. 26 nominations. 20 students	N/A
Fall 2021 SAAS Award Recognition	N/A	Students were recognized on Tuesday, November 16 during Men's Basketball home opener against Clayton State University. Faculty presented the awards to students	N/A
Any changes needed to email?	N/A	No changes needed other than changing dates. No cap for nominations and multiple nominations usually happen.	N/A
Spring 2022 SAAS Award Nominations	N/A	Nomination deadline was Friday, March 11, 2022. 14 nominations. 13 students.	N/A
Spring 2022 SAAS Award Recognition	N/A	Students were recognized at the Spring Athletic Banquet on April 20, 2022. Meagan Wood, chair of committee presented awards	N/A
NCAA graduation rates of student athletes	N/A	Information requested from Athletics Dept. Freshman-Cohort Graduation Rates 2015-16 Graduation Rate for student athletes – 31%	N/A

		<p>Four-Class Average –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>All students: 41%</u> • <u>Student-athletes: 48%</u> <p>Student-Athlete Academic Success Rate: 53%</p>	
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Appendix H

Diversity and Equity Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Diversity & Equity Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Duke Guthrie (Chair); Donna Sewell (Chair Elect); Hoa Nguyen (Past Chair); Mike Beverly; Mark Blackmore; Shantanu Chakraborty; Kelly Gamble; Chris Griggs; Kynthia James; Jiyoung Jung; Sean Lennon; Shafat Mubin; Michelle Ann Ocasio; Kyoung-Im Park; Robert Taylor; Theresa Thompson; Dameka Wilson-Vickers. Ex Officio members: Jeanine Boddie-LaVan; Darius Guinyard; Heysha Garcia Melendez; Sandra Y. Jones.

Issue/Topic ^{1,2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Proposed Definitions of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Terms for Valdosta State University. Committee generated.	Accept the definitions	Terms were initially defined by subcommittee, brought to the entire committee. Terms were approved and forwarded to Sandra Jones and VP Miller. After discussion at cabinet level, a definition was adjusted. It was approved by the entire committee and forwarded back to Sandra Jones and VP Miller for cabinet approval. Further actions to be determined.	To be determined

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Appendix I

Educational Policies Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Educational Policies Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Nandan Jha (Chair), Can Denizman (Chair Elect), Meagan Arrastia-Chisholm (Past Chair), Ruth Brandvik, Selena Nawrocki, John Dunn, Jie Fowler, Matt Kolakowski, Chunlei Liu, Tolulope Salami, Sakhavat Mammadov, Herbert Fiester, Paige Krispin, Laura Carter, Angie Gannon, Christine James, Demi Bidot-Miles, Cassie Katen, Ryan Hogan (ex-officio), Marsha B. Dukes (ex-officio), Stanley Jones (ex-officio), Becky da Cruz (ex-officio).

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Academic Suspension and Academic Withdrawal Policies Revision	Committee recommended removing Subclause E and substitute it with Subclause F.	Forwarded to Faculty Senate Executive Committee to be voted upon.	Approved

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Appendix J

Environmental Issues Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Environmental Issues Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam (Chair), Clell Wright (Chair Elect), Fred Knowles (Past Chair), Dorrian M Baber, Luke R Jones, Dan Baracsckay, Jennifer S. Beal, Jordan Thompson, Bradley J Bergstrom, Stanley Andrew Ostapski Cristobal Serran-Pagan, Gabriela Smeckova, Phillip Brulotte, Knicole A Lee, Denise Sauls, Aubrey Kempton, Tristin Sahagun, Dixie R Haggard, Alan Rowe (ex-officio), Ray Sable (ex-officio), Meredith Lancaster (ex-officio), Jill Lisa Ferrell (ex-officio), Traycee F Martin (ex-officio).

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Recycling at VSU: Committee member Brad Bergstrom brought up the issue of lack of recycling at VSU and the need of appointing an active recycling goals subcommittee chair.	Fred Knowles volunteered to be the recycling goals subcommittee chair and agreed to investigate the problem.	Fred's investigation found the fluid nature of the city's recyclable pick up policy and VSU's building maintenance personnel training were the two reasons causing the recycling problem.	n/a

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Appendix K

Faculty Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Faculty Scholarship Committee Academic Year: 2021-2022

Committee Members: Kelly Lowery (Chair), (Past Chair), Rudy Prine (Past Chair), Attila Cseh (Chair Elect), Catherine Bowers, Darius Anthony, Deborah Davis, Jamie Workman, Jose Velez Marulanda, Mark Kasper, Matthew Kolakowski, Nicole Cox, Peter Geldrich, Radu Mihail, Robert Harding, Taewon Hwang, Thomas Manning, Yunseon Choi, Becky da Cruz (ex-officio), Carlotta Braswell (ex-officio), Ann Olphie (ex-officio).

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Meeting date: August 23, 2021 Applications: 7 total	Approved 7 applications.	Awarded \$6,225 in scholarship funding.	N/A
Meeting date: September 24, 2021 Applications: 11 total	Approved 9 and denied two.	Approved \$8,613.46 in scholarship funding.	N/A
Meeting date: October 29, 2021 Applications: 11 total	Approved 9 and denied two.	Awarded \$7,500 in scholarship funding.	N/A
Meeting date: November 29, 2021 Applications: 8 total	Approved 7 and denied one.	Awarded \$6,930 in scholarship funding.	N/A
Meeting date: January 28, 2022 Applications: 27 total	Approved 27 applications.	Awarded \$23,316.14 in scholarship funding.	N/A
Meeting date: February 25, 2022 Applications: 23 total	Approved 23 applications.	Awarded \$21,758.64 in scholarship funding.	N/A
Meeting date: March 25, 2022 Applications: 17 total	Approved 17 applications.	Awarded \$15,646.57 in scholarship funding.	N/A
Meeting date: April 29, 2022 Applications: 12 total	Approved 10 applications and denied two.	Awarded \$9,858 in scholarship funding.	N/A

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Appendix L

Internationalization and Globalization Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Internationalization and Globalization Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Brian Gerber (Chair), Hanae Kanno (Chair-elect), Ben Harper (Past Chair), Cindi Tori, Lynn Ho, Josh Pifer, Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam, Andreas Lazari, Grazyna Walczak, Joseph Robbins, Jie Fowler, Casey Kennedy, Alicja Rieger, Rudo Tsemunhu, Paul Higgs, Lisa Lowe, Jessica LeeJasmine Rivas, Kevin Epps, Michael Baun, Robert Harding, Ivan Nikolov (ex-officio), Irina McClellan (ex-officio), Robert Smith (ex-officio).

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
International Minor program catalog description is outdated and not accurate.	In progress	A new draft has been worked on and we consulted Dr. Gravett about the process of getting it changed through Academic Committee	
Initiated a discussion about potentially moving the International Minor home from International Programs to Political Science (academic home where most students enrolled in the minor originate)	In progress	The Dean of the College of the Humanities and the Department Head for Political Science have been consulted in determining their desire and/or ability to be the home for the International Minor program.	
Determined that some of the course listings were no longer offered and others have been added across departments at VSU that could be included in the minor. Therefore, the list of potential courses to accommodate the minor needs to be reviewed and revised.	In progress	This will be examined during the 2022-23 academic year	
Determined a two-tier program could be adopted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Regular face-to-face offerings as currently exists o Fully on-line offering with a virtual study abroad in conjunction with an on-line Interdisciplinary Studies which is hoped to launched this fall. 	In progress	This will be examined during the 2022-23 academic year	

Determined that once the majority of changes to the minor are completed, potential program maps are developed for the most common student situations to assist students in seeing the opportunity available for them and what courses they would need to complete the minor.	In progress	This will be examined during the 2022-23 academic year	
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Appendix M

Library Affairs Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

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Committee: Library Affairs Committee Academic Year: 2021-2022

Committee Members: A.J. Ramirez (Chair), Diane Holliman (Past Chair), Brian Ring (Chair Elect), Melissa Porterfield, Jason Brown, Sandra Trowell, Shantanu Chakraborty, Daniel Baracskay, Sebastian Bartos, Mary Beth Rousseau, Cori Crews, Laura Padgett, Daesang Kim, Julene Smith, Angela Felkins, Samantha Paul, Crystal Miller, Taliyah Harper, Madison Meeker, Kenneth Smith (ex-officio), Alan Bernstein (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Fall 2021 meeting, there was money available for the Library Contingency Fund. Faculty members could apply for money for materials for a new program or a current program for which materials are lacking.	Chair, A.J. Ramirez, emailed Ex officio Kenneth Smith at Odom library to set up a time to discuss the contingency funds available prior to sub-committee meeting for Spring 2022	No committee action taken	
Spring 2022 meeting on Feb. 8 th via Microsoft Teams at 10am Review 2021 Library Contingency Requests (see Spreadsheet and documents in Microsoft teams)	Members Present: A.J. Ramirez (Chair), Diane C Holliman, Daesang Kim, Samantha E Paul, Daniel Baracskay, Sebastian P Bartos, Melissa R Porterfield, Angela Felkins, Laura L Padgett, Crystal Miller, Mary B Rousseau, Kenneth Smith, Collection & Resource Services Director, Alan Bernstein Dean of VSU Library Ex-officio A.J. Ramirez began the Library Affairs Committee meeting at 10 am on Feb 8, 2022. The meeting was conducted via Microsoft teams. Those present introduced themselves and the purpose of this faculty senate committee was stated. Agenda and Documents were reviewed.	Seven requests for library contingency funds were reviewed, and approved for funding: Sabastian Bartos: \$205.00 Mary Block: \$383.02 Sara Fitzgerald: \$504.17 Jonghood Kand: \$928.39 Irina McClellan: \$174.27 Malia Springfield: \$503.84 Xiaoai Ren: \$325.00 Total funds requested: \$3023.69	

		Meeting adjourned	
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³ If the committee is not ready to make a recommendation, indicate "In progress" and discuss the stage of review.

Appendix N

Student Affairs Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Student Affairs Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Lenese Colson (Chair), Laurel Yu (Chair-Elect), Brain Ward (Past-Chair), James Archibald, Mandi Bates Bailey, Sandra Delk, Ted Geltner, Gary Hackbarth, Luke Jones, Heather Kelley, Matthew Kolakowski, Kelly Lowery, Tera Ray, Rebecca Reynolds, Tolulope Salami, Vincent Miller (ex-officio), Shawn Phippen (ex-officio), Robin Vickery (ex-officio), Makaya Clinton (SGA), Jalen Smith (SGA).

Financial Aid Subcommittee: Laurel Yu (Chair), Catherine Bowers, Kynitha James, Matthew McIntyre, Karlesia Montague, David Nelson, Minsun Song. Core Administrative Members (voting): Shawn Phippen, Lisa Parrish. Ex Officio (non-voting): Douglas Tanner, Wanda Stracener.

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Reviewed bylaws	No change	None	N/A
Committee roster updates	Continue to work with Chair of Committee on Committees to maintain and updated committee roster	Colson worked with Chair of Committee on Committees, periodically throughout the academic year to update and maintain the committee roster.	N/A
Student Financial Aid Sub-Committee	Continue with sub-committee	The sub-committee met via email twice in Fall 2021 and in person twice in Spring 2022. Each meeting discussed, reviewed, and voted on student financial aid appeals.	N/A

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Technology Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Technology Committee **Academic Year:** 2021-2022

Committee Members: Lee Grimes (Chair), Lynn Crump (Chair/Chair Elect), (Past Chair), Sakhavat Mammadov (Past Chair), Andrew Black, Ben Harper, Bobbie Ticknor, Edris Brannen, Gary Hackbarth, George Wilson (SGA), Justin Bacon (SGA), Jemal Mohammed-Awel, Yunseon Choi, Jennifer Beal, Robin Kern, Dee Ott, Samantha Paul, Dwayne Trouille, Anjie Atkins (ex-officio), Brian Haugabrook (ex-officio), Gary Miller (ex-officio), Joe Newton (ex-officio), Marsha B. Dukes (ex-officio).

Issue/Topic ^{1,2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Identify faculty's needs and desires in the way of technology regarding knowledge, online teaching, training, and security.	Create and distribute 4-part surveys to determine status and needs of these 4 areas.	<p>This initiative began in late 2019 and with Covid-19 had been placed on hold. This year the surveys were updated slightly and distributed to faculty. Due to the increased usage of online platforms during Covid-19, many of the shortcomings of faculty originally anticipated had been overcome. The Technology Committee Summary of Surveys Report discussed at Faculty Senate meeting on 2/17/2022. There were no concerns voiced at the meeting.</p> <p>At this time, faculty requested additional software which would have to be addressed by departmental budgeting, as well as additional training which is being offered by eLearning. No further actions have been taken.</p>	

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