



FACULTY SENATE  
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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**Faculty Senate Agenda  
March 23, 2023, 3:30 p.m.  
Microsoft Teams**

Follow this [link](#) to join the meeting, or copy and paste the link below into your browser:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_MzVmNTU5NTktYjU2OS00Y2U4LWE5NDQtNjc1MDkwMWM3ZDM5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2225a5d340-8abc-4053-b4bd-dc1213280353%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22737798bd-c63b-40ae-8dd3-e9e8c724a4da%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_MzVmNTU5NTktYjU2OS00Y2U4LWE5NDQtNjc1MDkwMWM3ZDM5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2225a5d340-8abc-4053-b4bd-dc1213280353%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22737798bd-c63b-40ae-8dd3-e9e8c724a4da%22%7d)

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 Senate's Executive Committee ([fsec@valdosta.edu](mailto:fsec@valdosta.edu)), any actions sent to the president ([cliu@valdosta.edu](mailto:cliu@valdosta.edu)) for possible inclusion in the Senate agenda should be accompanied by a written document with the rationale and purpose of the decision. The Executive Committee requests that these documents be submitted via email as a Word.doc attachment(s).

For the benefit of record keeping, we ask that senators and visitors 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. If you have a senator's proxy, please place their name tag beside your name tag on the table in front of you.

1. Call to Order – Chunlei Liu
2. Reading of proxies obtained prior to the meeting; Request additional proxies for those not given from Senators in attendance – Mallory Lane

**Note:** Please send an email to Mallory Lane ([bmbarmore@valdosta.edu](mailto:bmbarmore@valdosta.edu)) regarding proxies a minimum of one (1) week prior to the scheduled Faculty Senate meeting or as soon as possible if an unexpected absence needs to occur.

3. **Approval of the minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting of the Faculty Senate.** <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php> (See link here for minutes for all faculty senate meetings). – Melissa Pihos
4. Updates from President's Office – Dr. Carvajal and/or Dr. Smith

5. Academic Affairs Strategic Plan – Becky da Cruz
  - a. Attachment F: Draft Academic Affairs Strategic Plan 3.15.2023
6. **Faculty Senate Bylaws Vote** – Ben Harper
  - a. **Attachment B: Faculty Senate Bylaws Review Committee Recommended Revisions**
7. Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures discussion – Sheri Gravett and Michele Blankenship
  - a. Attachment C: Proposed Updates to VSU’s Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures
8. Old & Unfinished Business
  - a. Statutory Committee Reports
    - i. Academic Committee ([fs-stat-ac@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-ac@valdosta.edu)) – Sheri Gravett; Find agendas and minutes here:  
<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>
    - ii. Committee on Committees ([fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu)) – Emma Kostopolus
    - iii. Faculty Affairs ([fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu)) – Xiaoi Ren
    - iv. Faculty Grievance Committee ([fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu)) – Mary Block
  - b. Meeting minutes from the various committees should be sent to [fsec@valdosta.edu](mailto:fsec@valdosta.edu) **AND** to [archives@valdosta.edu](mailto:archives@valdosta.edu) with “Archives Faculty Senate Papers” in the subject line. Please label minutes documents as shown in the following examples:
    - i. Technology\_Minutes\_04-29-2022
    - ii. Academic\_Honors\_and\_Scholarship\_Minutes\_08-28-2021
 Thank you for your assistance in getting and keeping our records up to date. 😊
9. New Business
  - a. Standing Committee Reports:
    - i. Academic Honors & Scholarships ([fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu)) – Lindsay Godin
    - ii. Academic Scheduling & Procedures ([fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu)) – Yakov Woldman
      1. Attachment D: Scheduling Committee Opinion AFROTC
    - iii. Athletic Committee ([fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu)) – Kyoung-Im Park
    - iv. Diversity and Equity Committee ([fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu)) – Donna Sewell
    - v. Educational Policies ([fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu)) – Can Denizman
    - vi. Environmental Issues ([fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu)) – Clell Wright
    - vii. Faculty Scholarship ([fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu)) – Attila Cseh
    - viii. Internationalization and Globalization ([fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu)) – Hanae Kanno
    - ix. Library Affairs ([fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu)) – Brian Ring
    - x. Student Affairs ([fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu)) – Laurel Yu
    - xi. Technology Committee ([fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu)) – Lynn Crump
10. Call for Executive Committee Nominations – Elections to be held at April meeting
  - i. Vice President/President Elect (3 years)
  - ii. Parliamentarian (1 year)
  - iii. Secretary (1 year)
11. General Discussion
12. Adjournment

## Attachment A

### Guidance for Online Meetings

During this exceptional time, all Faculty Senate meetings will be held online using Microsoft Teams. The information to connect will be sent over email. This is an open meeting.

**To access the meeting easily, use the TEAMS link found in the email containing the agenda or through your calendar link (Outlook).**

For the benefit of record keeping, we ask that senators and visitors please identify themselves when speaking to an issue during the meeting. Please note the following:

1. All senators must sign the roster in order to be counted present. We will be using an online roster which can be found by using this [link](#) (also copied below) on the day of the meeting. If you have a senator's proxy, please include this information using the online form, in addition to emailing Mallory Lane ([bmbarmore@valdosta.edu](mailto:bmbarmore@valdosta.edu)) at least one week in advance as per Senate By-Laws.

Attendance link: <https://forms.office.com/r/yM0GszcXg2>

2. Given the new online format, the following points are very important for record-keeping and parliamentary rules:
  - a. If you would like to join the online discussion, use the "raise hand" feature. The Executive Committee will work to ensure that everyone is able to participate in a timely and organized manner. **Please do not use the chat function to pose questions unless otherwise directed due to technical difficulties by the meeting coordinator or IT.** Doing so can create confusion and timing for responses.
  - b. If you are not actively speaking, please mute your microphone in order to avoid feedback and/or background noise interruptions.
  - c. When a vote is called use the "raise hand" feature to vote. If you have a proxy, you will need to type the name and vote using the chat feature. Please keep in mind that the online function takes time. We will call for votes in one category and count "raised hands," then ask for proxies through the chat feature. After the votes have been officially counted, you will need to "lower your hand" so that we can call for votes in subsequent categories. Please only use the chat feature for proxy voting. We thank you for your patience as we accurately count all votes.

It is encouraged that all senators and possible attendees contact VSU IT to address any connection concerns before the meeting.