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### **2022-2023 Annual Report of the Faculty Senate Chunlei Liu, President**

The Faculty Senate met eight times during the 2022-2023 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. The appendices are the annual reports from the statutory and standing committees.

#### **August 2022**

- New and returning senators were welcomed for the beginning of the academic year.
- Chunlei Liu provided guidelines for online participation in Faculty Senate (FS) meetings and other important reminders for the upcoming year.
- Comments made by President Carvajal included enrollment concerns, budget concerns, and the challenges that lie ahead. Will be using a new model for FEM, no longer using APL. Mentioned student excitement to be back on campus.
- Provost Smith not in attendance.
- Reminder to committee to make elections in February to fill vacancies, executive committee voted to hold faculty senate meetings via Teams. Created an ad hoc committee to review and revise the Faculty Senate Bylaws. If anyone resigns please

inform CoCo.

### **September 2022**

- Comments from President Carvajal included enrollment and budget concerns are not just a VSU problem but a concern across higher education. We will host three forums to garner input from faculty
- Provost Smith updated that the Post Tenure Review changes were submitted over the summer to USG office and Chancellor Perdue announced most USG institutions will be going test-optional until summer 2024, so we will be able to admit students with GPA student from high school with a 3.2 GPA in Spring '23 and Summer '24.

### **October 2022**

- President Carvajal starts with last week was Homecoming and students came out in big numbers and it was great seeing the alumni. We announced the merger of our Student Success and Student Affairs divisions. There were 188 responses to the survey, and an emerging theme was to begin a more critical evaluation of our academic offering. The enrollment challenges are not going to end anytime soon, so putting in the work to positively impact the direction of the institution.
- Provost Smith not in attendance.
- Sheri Gravett gave an update on the FEM and PTR documents from USG.
- Ben Harper gave the Faculty Senate Bylaws review committee's summary and recommendations.

### **November 2022**

- President Carvajal reported on a campus survey was sent out to gather input from across the institution about potential reductions and investments that we can and should make. 3 themes emerged: The first was related to what seemed to be a strong support for what we are doing, reviewing our academic programs and wrap-around services, particularly on the academic side, stronger emphasis to be placed on marketing, continue the movement of the online sphere, particularly related to the online college
- Provost Smith was pleased to announce today that that we have received a full approval from the University System Office for the changes to the faculty evaluation model and post tenure review. The changes will need to be reflected in our strategic plan.

### **January 2022**

- Remarks from President Carvajal included enrollment continues to be down, but we are at 93% of our fall enrollment and our growing success of the eDegree, enrollment report is up to 799 students that is up 103% from this time last year. Next Dr. Carvajal gave an update on the legislative session, probably won't know anything for certain until April or May. Also discussed Chancellor Purdue speaking in front of the General Assembly to give a hearing on our USG budget
- Provost Smith discussed having to report annually to the Board Office on programs that produce low number of graduates. The board has been asking for more detail about what we are doing to change those programs to change that dynamic to restructure the programs, change the curricula or to eliminate the programs and we have, we have done all of those things.

This spring we are beginning on a program called program prioritization, where we are looking at all of our low producing programs and those that are moderate producing that is those that are just above those thresholds.

- Ben Harper discussed Faculty Senate Bylaws updates. He spoke with Dr. Gravett about how committees were structured within the bylaws and how that related to the revision and the VSU statutes.
- Sheri Gravett and Michele Blankenship spoke regarding Tenure and Promotion Task Force committee; there is a draft of the of the VSU tenure and promotion guidelines and processes and are aiming to bring a draft proposal to the faculty Senate at the March meeting, with a vote, hopefully in April.
- Xiaoi Ren with Faculty Affairs discussed concerns of following chain of command with dealing with student concerns, complaints, and grievances. Dr. Smith provided some feedback about the process.

### **February 2022**

- President Carvajal discussed the budget surplus in the State of Georgia and its potential uses. VSU has a state waiver to out of state students and this is very important for our students.
- Provost Smith reported The Undergraduate Research Council sponsored posters at the Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. 3 out of the approved 38 were VSU posters. There was \$20,000 added to the faculty scholarship fund.
- Dr. Vincent Miller and Gary Bush provided a PowerPoint presentation on enrollment updated. They presented a detailed analysis on student enrollment numbers, demographics, trends, admission and retention strategies, and results.
- Michele Blankenship provided Faculty Senate Bylaws updates. The proposed changes will be voted on next month.
- Sheri Gravett and Michele Blankenship gave updates with Tenure and Promotion Task Force. They are gathering feedback, making final revisions and will present next month.
- Nominations for the Senate Executive Committee were called upon.

### **March 2022**

- Remarks from President Carvajal included starting off with acknowledging faculty and staff appreciation week! Then discusses the ongoing legislative session and VSU continues to monitor the budget implications, but will not know what the budget will look like until end of April. There is a proposed \$2000 COLA but it has not passed yet. Discussed the reorganization, meeting with those affected, the department heads, deans, and COSA officers. The rationale for this reorg is to promote/enhance student faculty relationships. Gave further details of what is expected of the faculty in regards to advising, how, and when.
- Provost Smith also acknowledged appreciate week! He spoke on adding some clarifications to both the undergraduate catalog and the faculty handbook regarding final exams. Discussed updating the handbooks and undergraduate catalog to reflect the other assessments that are given in addition to final exams. Also want to bring language in concert with the actual practice, students ask every single semester about rescheduling final exams, so we are adding language to the catalog to say students should not ask for permission except in extenuating circumstances.
- Becky da Cruz gave update on Academic Affairs Strategic Plan draft. The overall goal of the plan is a focus on student success.

- Chunlei Liu called for a vote of approval on Faculty Senate Bylaws and it passed all in favor.
- Sheri Gravett and Michele Blankenship gave proposed updates to VSU's Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures.
- Nominations for the Senate Executive Committee were called upon.

## **April 2022**

- Remarks from President Carvajal included discussing the budget changes and reduction efforts that have been made thus far. A charge was given to project future enrollment, which reveals a potential down 4.5% in fall enrollment. That in additions to the increase from Georgia Power, and the budget that was passed calling for a 66million reduction in the teaching portions calls for really challenging and disappointing times. The final budget decisions are not made, attempting to find ways to close the 66-million-dollar gap, and still deciding on the COLA. With the delay there will be more actions to take place to meet the budget demand. The first honorary degree from the college of the arts was given to Mr. Jerry Janette. Congratulations was given to those that received promotion and tenure
- Provost Smith mentioned the program prioritization and doing a comprehensive program review deciding which program to deactivate or which are reorganizing and revamping for purposes of cost reductions. The BOR extended another year of test optional admission. There is growth in the graduate and E degree programs.
- Call for a vote on updates to VSU's Tenure and Promotion Polices, majority in favor of approval.
- Academic Committee had Shani Wilfred to speak on core requirements; as there are changes being made to Area B and Area D.
- Elections for the Senate Executive Committee were voted and approved.

The Annual Reports submitted by Committee Chairs are attached.

Statutory Committees and the 2022-2023 Chairs:

Academic Committee—Sheri Gravett: **Appendix A**

Committee on Committees—Emma Kostopolus: **Appendix B**

Faculty Affairs Committee—Xiaoai Ren : **Appendix C**

Faculty Grievance Committee—Mary Block: **Appendix D**

Standing Committees and the 2022-2023 Chairs:

Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee—Lindsay Godin: **Appendix E**

Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee—Yakov Woldman: **Appendix F**

Athletic Committee—Kyoung-Im Park: **Appendix G**

Diversity and Equity Committee—Donna Sewell: **Appendix H**

Educational Policies Committee— Can Denizman: **Appendix I**

Environmental Issues Committee—Clell Wright: **Appendix J**

Faculty Scholarship Committee—Attila Cseh: **Appendix K**

Internationalization and Globalization Committee—Hanae Kanno: **Appendix L**

Library Affairs Committee—Brian Ring: **Appendix M**

Student Affairs Committee—Laurel Yu: **Appendix N**

Technology Committee—Lynn Crump: **Appendix O**

**Appendix A**

**Faculty Senate Committee  
Reporting Instructions  
2/16/2017**

**Adopted by VSU Faculty Senate,**

1. Each Standing Committee chair will submit an annual report to the Senate Executive Committee two weeks prior to the final Senate meeting of the academic year. Sub-committee reports will be included as part of its Standing Committee Report.
2. The Standing Committee annual report will include a completed Reporting Form. The Reporting Form will summarize all activities undertaken by the Committee and its Sub-committee(s) during the academic year. If no activities were undertaken, the chair must submit the report and record “No activities” in the Issue/Topics column and a recommendation to maintain or dissolve the committee in the Committee Recommendation column. Recommendation should include a supporting reason.

**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** Academic Committee **Academic Year:** 2022-2023

**Committee Members:**

<p><b>Faculty Senators</b> COA Chalise Ludlow CHSS Carol Glen COEHS Kristy Litster CONHS Lois Bellflowers COSM Anurag Dasgupta LCOBA Zulal Denaux LIB Ken Smith</p>	<p><b>General Faculty Elected by Units</b> COA Laurel Yu, Tommy Crane CHSS Deborah Briehl, Mandi Bailey COEHS Ophélie Desmet, Colette Drouillard CONHS Brian Williams, Lisa Batten COSM R. Paul Mihail, Jan Drake LCOBA Cynthia Tori, Kelly Mathis LIB Catherine Bowers, Tera Ray</p>	<p><b>Ex Officio</b> Sharon Gravett, Assoc Provost, Chair Stanley Jones, Registrar, Secretary Jane Kinney, Catalog Editor</p>
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Issue/Topic <sup>1,2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
The Academic Committee met 7 times during the	The committee	Minutes of the Academic Committee’s actions are available	The

course of the academic year and reviewed curriculum packets submitted through colleges that contained requests for new or revised courses and curriculum as well as deactivations of courses and curriculum. Items for Committee Review are available at <a href="https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php">https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php</a> .	approved, suggested edits, or remanded items.	at <a href="https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php">https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php</a>	Chair provided an overview of each packet at the following Faculty Senate meeting.
Updated bylaws	The committee discussed and drafted updated bylaws in the fall and approved the bylaws in January.	Updated bylaws are now on Faculty Senate's website at <a href="https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/documents/academic_committee_bylaws_january_2023.pdf">https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/documents/academic_committee_bylaws_january_2023.pdf</a>	

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<sup>3</sup> If the committee is not ready to make a recommendation, indicate "In progress" and discuss the stage of review.

### **ACADEMIC COMMITTEE UPDATES 2022-2023**

The committee met in September, October, and November 2022 as well as in January, February, March, and April in 2023. Updated bylaws were reviewed in the fall and approved in January 2023. There were multiple requests for new or updated courses and curriculum as well as deactivations of some existing courses and curriculum. A few of the new items that will take effect in the fall are listed below along with the meeting date in which they were approved.

#### **DEACTIVATIONS**

- [Georgia Reading Endorsement for Fall 2023 \(October\)](#)
- [Mathematics Endorsement for K-5 Teachers for Fall 2023 \(October\)](#)
- [Science Endorsement for K-5 Teachers for Fall 2023 \(October\)](#)
- [MED in Special Education – Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing for Fall 2023 \(February\)](#)
- [MAT in Special Education – Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing for Fall 2023 \(February\)](#)
- [Adapted Curriculum track for the MAT in Special Education for Fall 2023 \(February\)](#)
- [Health Communication Minor for Fall 2023 \(February\)](#)

- BSED in Secondary Education – Earth-Space Science for Fall 2023 (March)
- BBA in Healthcare Administration for Fall 2023 (March)
- BBA in International Business for Fall 2023 (March)
- Certificate in Healthcare Administration for Fall 2023 (March)
- BA in Philosophy and Religious Studies for Fall 2023 (April)

#### **NEW COURSE IN CORE CURRICULUM**

- GEOG 1105 approved for addition to Areas D1 and D2b for Fall 2023 (October)

#### **NEW TRACKS/OPTIONS IN EXISTING MAJORS**

- Public History Track for the BA in History for Fall 2023 (November)
- Non-thesis option for MS in Biology for Fall 2023 (January)

#### **NEW ACCELERATED PROGRAMS**

- Undergraduate (BS in Organization Leadership and BA in Political Science) to Graduate in Public Administration for Fall 2023 (March)
- Undergraduate to Graduate in Criminal Justice for Fall 2023 (March)

#### **NEW CERTIFICATES**

- Public History for Fall 2023 (November)
- Healthcare Administration for Fall 2023 (March)
- Business Fundamentals for Fall 2023 (March)
- Financial Management for Fall 2023 (March)
- Business Analytics for Fall 2023 (March)
- Marketing Decision Making for Fall 2023 (March)
- Strategic Leadership for Fall 2023 (March)
- Substance Use for Fall 2023 (April)

#### **NEW MINORS**

- Russian for Spring 2023 (November)
- International Business for Fall 2023 (March)



Appendix B

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**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

Committee: Committee on Committees Academic Year: 2022-2023

**Committee Members:** Emma Kostopolus, CHSS (chair)  
Luis Gonzales, LCOBA (chair-elect)  
Ken Smith, Odum  
Melissa Pihos, COA  
Tom Manning, COSM  
Gwen Ruttencutter, COEHS  
Lois Bellflowers, CNHS

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Conducted Senate and Committee Elections for the 2023-2024 AY	Maintain Committee	Elections conducted and certified; waiting on results of special elections in CHSS and COSM to submit updated rosters	n/a

<sup>1</sup> Indicate whether the Issue/Topic was remanded by the Senate or Committee generated.

**Appendix C**

**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** Faculty Affairs Committee **Academic Year:** 2022-2023

**Committee Members:** Faculty Senators: Xiaoai Ren (Chair), Mitch Lockhart (Past Chair), Javian Brabham (Chair elect). General Faculty Elected by Units: Melissa Portfield, Lorna Alvarez-Rivera, Diane Roberts, Kelly Parker, Mary Beth Rousseau, and Laura Wright

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
<p>The concerns expressed by some faculty over the fact that some students didn't follow the chain of command and skipped the Department Heads/Directors and made complaint directly to the Dean, Provost, or President during the Student Concerns and Complaints/Grievances process.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faculty should document the process and their communication with students and administrators involved.</li> <li>2. It's important that the University teaches the students to understand the importance of following the chain of command at workplace by modeling this practice in handling students' complaints or concerns and by correcting students as to the appropriate protocol.</li> <li>3. The faculty involved should also be allowed follow the same chain of the command to voice their concerns.</li> <li>4. Add more specific wording emphasizing the importance of following the chain of the command to the current policy text. <a href="https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/concerns-complaints-grievances.php">https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/concerns-complaints-grievances.php</a></li> </ol>	<p>The recommendations were shared with the Faculty Senate in its September 2022 meeting. The recommendations were also shared with the faculty member who expressed the concerns. In Faculty Senate January 2023 meeting, Provost Bob Smith commented on the issue.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	<p>Though the current policy described the chain of command, it didn't specify what should be done if the students skip the steps and go to higher rank administrators directly. The Committee suggests adding appropriate language and make sure the administrators sending the issue back down the chain of command without any comments or weighing in.</p>		

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Appendix D

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**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

Committee: Faculty Grievance (permanent committee not standing committee) Academic Year: 2022-2023

**Committee Members:**

<b>Issue/Topic<sup>1, 2</sup></b>	<b>Committee Recommendation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Senate Decision (if applicable)</b>
No activities in that no faculty member brought a grievance to the committee.			
Mary Block, the chair of the Faculty Grievance Committee, did update the committee by-laws in 2023 to bring them into compliance with BOR and University Statutes. The Grievance Committee members approved the by-laws.			

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<sup>3</sup> If the committee is not ready to make a recommendation, indicate "In progress" and discuss the stage of review.

## Appendix E

### Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Academic Honors & Scholarship

Academic Year: Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

#### Committee Members:

COA - Lindsay Godin	<a href="mailto:lgodin@valdosta.edu">lgodin@valdosta.edu</a>	C	Sen 2021-2024
CHSS - Ericka Parra	<a href="mailto:ehparra@valdosta.edu">ehparra@valdosta.edu</a>	PC	Sen 2020-2023
COEHS - Karen Terry	<a href="mailto:katerry@valdosta.edu">katerry@valdosta.edu</a>	CE	Sen 2022-2025
COA - Nicole Cox	<a href="mailto:nbcoc@valdosta.edu">nbcoc@valdosta.edu</a>		2020-2023
COA - Sarah Arnett	<a href="mailto:swarnett@valdosta.edu">swarnett@valdosta.edu</a>		2021-2024
CHSS - Deb Briihl	<a href="mailto:dbriihl@valdosta.edu">dbriihl@valdosta.edu</a>		2020-2023
CHSS - Ellis Logan	<a href="mailto:eslogan@valdosta.edu">eslogan@valdosta.edu</a>		2022-2025
<del>COEHS - Karen Noll</del>	<del><a href="mailto:knoll@valdosta.edu">knoll@valdosta.edu</a></del>		<del>2020-2023</del> (medical leave)
COEHS - Mike Bochenko	<a href="mailto:mjbochenko@valdosta.edu">mjbochenko@valdosta.edu</a>		2021-2024
COSM - Adam Safer	<a href="mailto:absafer@valdosta.edu">absafer@valdosta.edu</a>		2021-2024
COSM - Mark Groszos	<a href="mailto:msgroszo@valdosta.edu">msgroszo@valdosta.edu</a>		2020-2023*
LCOBA - Nancy Swanson	<a href="mailto:njswanson@valdosta.edu">njswanson@valdosta.edu</a>		2021-2024
LCOBA - Aubrey Fowler	<a href="mailto:arfowler@valdosta.edu">arfowler@valdosta.edu</a>		2022-2025

LIB - Kytt Pavlakovich	<a href="mailto:kytt@valdosta.edu">kytt@valdosta.edu</a>	2022-2025
COSA - Quinncy Thomas	<a href="mailto:qthomas@valdosta.edu">qthomas@valdosta.edu</a>	2022-2023
??? - Pierre-Richard Cornley	<a href="mailto:pcornely@valdosta.edu">pcornely@valdosta.edu</a>	2022-2025

<b>Issue/Topic<sup>1, 2</sup></b>	<b>Committee Recommendation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Senate Decision (if applicable)</b>
The Senate Executive Committee requested the AHSC to update their By-Laws	AHSC By-Laws were amended by 12/15 AHSC member votes on 08/29/2022	Lindsay Godin (Chair) revised the AHSC By-Laws and sent them to the Senate Executive Committee via email on 9/11/2022	Chunlei Liu confirmed the By-Laws on 09/12/2022 and they were uploaded to the Faculty Senate website
Lindsay Godin (Chair) requested AHSC members to review the Georgia Legislature Academic Recognition Award (GLARDA) memo to faculty during the AHSC meeting on 08/29/2022	The committee suggested that the GLARDA memo needs more background context to inform faculty about the award. The AHSC members also agreed that the GLARDA needs to be advertised to faculty more.	Lindsay Godin (Chair) made changes to the GLARDA memo on September 11 and requested AHSC members to review or suggest changes before September 30, 2022. The edits to the memo were approved	N/A
Lindsay Godin (Chair) publicized the GLARDA to the VSU Faculty distribution list serve on 10/04/2022	N/A	AHSC members must publicize the GLARDA to their colleges and departments. Lindsay Godin (Chair) collected the nominations and put them in a shareable OneDrive Folder with the AHSC.	N/A

<p>Due to the low amount of nominations and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, on 10/25/2022, Karen Terry (Chair-Elect) suggested the committee to revisit the GLARDA memo and recommended that the GLARDA criteria be changed to a minimum of 3.7 GPA or higher</p>	<p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) called the University System of Georgia and the office of student affairs stated that there is no GPA requirement for the GLARDA. The AHSC agreed via email to change the criteria to a GPA of 3.7</p>	<p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) made adjustments to the GLARDA Memo. Lindsay Godin (Chair) continued to collect the nominations in the shareable OneDrive Folder with the AHSC.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Lindsay Godin (chair) re-publicized the GLARDA each week, twice during the second week of November until Friday, November 11 at 5:00pm.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) made a Qualtrics survey for AHSC members to vote on. There was a total of 24 faculty nominations for 15 students. AHSC members reviewed the nominations on 11/05/2022.</p> <p>Findings: Due to our outreach efforts, we were able to double the amount of student nominations for the GLARDA since last academic year.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Between the dates of 11/05/2022 - 11/18/2022, 12/15 AHSC members voted on their top 4 nominations. I sent out another reminder email on 11/19/2022 and received 3 additional votes from the AHSC members by 11/21/2022 by 9:30am.</p>	<p>On 11/21/2021 at 9:45am, Lindsay Godin (Chair) analyzed the data and Darshi Patel was the winner, followed by:  2) Georgia Wynn  3) Brylie Ritchie  4) Taylor Gray</p>	<p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) contacted Darshi Patel. Darshi accepted the nomination. I forwarded Darshi's information to Lisa Snipes on 11/21/2022.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>The Committee met virtually on 01/25/2023 to suggest revisions to the Annie Powe Hopper Award memo and the Annie Powe Hopper Interview Questions.</p>	<p>The AHSC committee suggested that the interview questions should better align to Annie Powe Hopper's legacy and the Blazer Creed. The AHSC added more information about Annie Powe Hopper in the memo and modified the 5 interview questions</p>	<p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) stated the Annie Powe Hopper Award call for nominations will be due March 3, 2023. The AHSC members will review and vote and</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	during the meeting.	rank their top 3 candidates by March 10, 2023, and the AHSC will interview the final candidates on March 24, 2023.	
Lindsay Godin (Chair) sent out the Annie Powe Hopper Award Memo the VSU Faculty List Serve on February 1, 2023.	N/A	Lindsay Godin (Chair) collected the nominations and put them in a shareable OneDrive Folder with the AHSC.	N/A
Lindsay Godin (Chair) sent email reminders to the VSU Faculty List Serve each week and twice during the last week of February. Nominations were collected until March 3, 2023.	N/A	Lindsay Godin (Chair) continued to collect the nominations in the shareable OneDrive Folder with the AHSC. Lindsay Godin (Chair) made a Qualtrics for the committee to vote and rank their top 3 students.	N/A
Between the dates of March 3 – March 10, 2023, AHSC members reviewed the nominations and ranked their top 3 students on Qualtrics. 11/14 AHSC members voted on the Qualtrics.	<p>On March 13, 2023, Lindsay Godin (Chair) analyzed the data to decipher which three students will be interviewed. The following students were selected: Georgia Wynn Darshi Patel</p> <p>The following two students were tied to third place: Brylie Ritchie Anna-Kathryn Gardner</p> <p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) sent out a poll to the AHSC to determine if the committee should interview only the top 2 or the top 4 students. The committee voted and the decision was split. Lindsay Godin (Chair) overruled the decision, due to the tie,</p>	<p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) sent out a doodle for the AHSC to find a common time on March 24, 2023 to interview the student candidates for the Annie Powe Hopper Award. The committee agreed to meet virtually from 9:00-11:00am.</p> <p>Lindsay Godin (Chair) scheduled 20-minute interviews with each of the candidates at 9:00, 9:20, 9:40, and 10:00.</p> <p>The meeting was recorded for those who</p>	N/A



	and decided that all 4 students should be interviewed.	could not attend.  Lindsay Godin (Chair) made a Qualtrics for AHSC to vote and rank the top 4 students.	
Lindsay Godin (Chair) hosted the Annie Powe Hopper Interviews on March 24, 2023 on Teams, along with Karen Terry (Chair-Elect), Mark Grozos, Sarah Wildes Arnett, Deborah Brihl, Ellis Logan, and Aubrey Fowler. Each committee member volunteered to ask 1 question to each student.	The interviews ended around 10:10 and AHSC members had a heated discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of each student. Lindsay Godin (Chair) prompted everyone to vote on the Qualtrics and rank the 4 students.	AHSC members must submit their votes by Friday, March 30, 2023.	N/A
On Monday, April 3, 2023, Lindsay Godin (Chair) analyzed the data. 11/14 AHSC members voted on the Qualtrics.	Lindsay Godin (Chair) reviewed the Qualtrics data and Anna-Kathryn Garder was the winner of the Annie Powe Hopper Award, followed by: 2) Georgia Wynn 3) Brylie Ritchie 4) Darshi Patel	Lindsay Godin (Chair) forwarded Anna-Kathryn's name to Honey Coppage and Takiya Mayes.	N/A
Lindsay Godin (Chair) and Karen Terry (Chair-Elect) met with Takiya Mayes on March 29, 2023 and April 6, 2023 to go over the Honors Dinner checklist and to volunteer on specific tasks/duties.	N/A	Throughout the two first weeks of April, Lindsay Godin (Chair) collected and edited all the Honors Student Bios for the Honors Dinner script. The Honors Dinner script was revised by the Office of the President on April 24, 2023 and sent back to Lindsay Godin (Chair) for the Rehearsal and Honors Dinner Event.	N/A
Lindsay Godin (Chair) and Karen Terry (Chair-Elect) went to the Honors Dinner Rehearsal on April 27, 2023 at 10:00am to test the microphones with IT.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Lindsay Godin (Chair) and Karen Terry (Chair-Elect) attended the Honors Dinner on April 27, 2023 at 6:00pm. Lindsay Godin (Chair) presented the Honors Dinner Script at the dinner and announced the awards.	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Appendix F

**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

Committee: Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee Academic Year: 2022-2023

**Committee Members:**

Ian Andersen, Michael Baun, Yakov Woldman, Doug Farwell, Maila Springfield, Neena Banerjee, Marty Williams, Jamie Workman, Laverne Hill, Lisa Batten, Brian Williams, Jim Nienow, Wenjuan Guo, Jonathan Krispin, Laura Wright, Megan Hancock  
*Ex officio* members: Stanley Jones, Christy Croft, Honey Coppage, Bobby Tucker

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Moving deadline for final grade submission from 9 am to 12 pm Monday after the Final week; Committee generated	Move in Fall 2022 on trial basis	Deadline moved as recommended	
Moving deadline for final grade submission back 1 hour, to 11 am; Committee generated by the request from Registrar	Moved to 11 am Monday after the final week starting Spring 2023, permanently	Deadline moved as recommended	Approved by the Senate
Assign priority registration status to ROTC students; remanded by the Senate	Not recommended priority registration	No action taken	
Clarify the situation with missing instruction time after introduction of Juneteen holiday; Committee generated	Recommended to leave it to faculty for the Summer 2023; move the beginning of the Summer term one day for years 2024 and 2025	Note to faculty issued for the Summer of 2023; Summer schedule amended for 2024 and 2025	Approved by the Senate

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Appendix G

**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:**  Athletic Committee

**Academic Year:**  2022-2023

**Committee Members:** Eugene Asola, Jason Brown, Stacey Brunston, Paul Higgs, Skye Holmes, Meagan M. Wood Hopkins, Jay Johnson, Ilke Kardes, Kytt Gail Everdeen Moore, M. Denise Lovett, Kathy Nobles, Kyoungim Park, Phillip Storey, Nancy Swanson

**Ex-Officio:** Herb Reinhard, Jennifer Grubbs, Davis Kuhlmeier, David Boyd

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Discussed the process for VSU's Student Athlete Academic Spotlight (SAAS) award.	The committee finalized the nomination deadline for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 SAAS nominations. A Qualtrics survey was sent out via email twice every semester to the faculty and staff for SAAS nominations. There were total 34 submissions with 28 nominees for the Fall 2022 SAAS award. In spring 2023, we received 10 nominees. The lists of nominations were reviewed and confirmed by the committee.	All nominees for the Fall 2022 SAAS award were recognized at basketball home game, November 17, 2022. All nominated athletes for the Spring 2023 SAAS were awarded at 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Department End-of-the-Year Banquet, April 26, 2023.	N/A
Athletic Committee bylaws were reviewed by members.	All members of the committee agreed to participate in reviews and revisions of the bylaws instead of creation of the subcommittee. The committee discussed the bylaws and small changes to the bylaws were made. Amendments are included: d.) Identify and recognize student athletes who excel in their field of performance, and academically. h.) If needed, the Secretary of the Committee, to be nominated by the	The committee have reviewed the bylaws. Amendments were made and approved. The chair sent out revised bylaws to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.	N/A

	<p>Committee membership at the first meeting of the Committee. The Chair or Secretary will keep written minutes of the Committee meetings, distributing the minutes in a timely manner, including providing the minutes to the Faculty Senate President and Secretary no later than two (2) weeks after a committee meeting (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 6, E).</p>		
<p>Athletic Committee received updates from the Athletic Department.</p>	<p>Mr. Reinhard, the Director of Athletics, addressed about current financial challenge of the athletic department. The budget cut is leading to more difficult situations to operate the athletic department and it is also impacting on student athlete. The annual fund came from the fee paid students. The loss of athletic fee revenue is the main issue for the athletic department. The current business model no longer works. However, it is difficult to find a solution to solve this problem. The fundamental change of fee revenue is needed. The Senate needs to be aware of this matter. Need supports from the Senate as well.</p>	<p>April 2023 Senate meeting – The committee chair gave Senate update on current financial challenge of the athletic department.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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**Appendix H**

Diversity and Equity Committee—Donna Sewell: No report submitted.

Appendix I

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**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** Educational Policies **Academic Year:** \_2022-23

**Committee Members:** Can Denizman (c), Meagan Arrastia-Chisholm, Nandan Jha, Ruth Brandik, Selena Nawrocki, John Dunn, Nandan K. Jha, Jie Fowler, Matt Kolakowski, Chunlei Liu, Tolulope Salami, Sakhavat Mammadov, Herbert Fiester, Paige Krispin, Laura Carter, Angie Gannon, Denise L. Hill

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
No activities	Maintain		

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**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

Committee: Environmental Issues Committee Academic Year: 2022-2023

**Committee Members:**

Issue/Topic <sup>1,2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Recycling on campus	Speak with city to determine policies for recycling of the universities recyclable products. Determine policy for recycling within the university	We contacted the city regarding policy but never received an adequate response. Currently the university is not actively engaged in a recycling program. This will need to be corrected in the future	
Use of plastic ware in the cafeteria instead of metal knives and forks	Speak with food services about the issue and recommend ceasing the use of plastic ware.	Food services reported that the use of plastic ware was a temporary measure and have since stopped using them	
Landscaping around the campus	Check into removal of dead trees and update landscaping	These issues are currently under way	

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**Appendix K**

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**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** Faculty Scholarship Committee \_\_\_\_\_ **Academic Year:** 2022/2023 \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Members:**

- Kelly Lowery (PC)
- Attila Cseh (C)
- Zachary Karazsia (CE)
- Paul Mihail (COSM)
- Sebastian Bartos (COHSS)
- Susan Boddie (COA)
- Peter Geldrich (COA)
- Jose Velez (COSM)
- Taewon Hwang (LCOBA)
- Deborah Davis (COHSS)
- Yunseon Choi (COEHS)
- Jie Fowler (LCOBA)
- Jamie Workman (COEHS)
- Forrest Parker (COEHS)
- Paige Krispin (CONHS)
- Catherine Bowers (LIB)
- Darius Anthony (COSA)

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Proposals for Professional Presentation, Instructional Improvement, and Curriculum Development		We had monthly meetings to award a total number of 133 awards in the amount of \$126,291.75	
Bylaws	Update as needed	We updated the bylaws	
Professional Presentation proposal form	Update as needed	We reviewed the form to be submitted the proposal on.	

Faculty Seed Grant	Conditional on funding, restore Faculty Seed Grants	Faculty Seed Grant was not available	
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Appendix L

**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** Internationalization and Globalization Committee

**Academic Year:** 2022-2023

**Committee Members:**

Hanae Kanno (Chair), Brian Gerber (Previous Chair), Liz Health (Chair Elect), Todd Royle, Ivan Nikolov (Ex Officio), Irina McClellan (Ex Officio), Kenneth Kirk, Joshua Pifer, Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam, Andreas Lazari, Alicja Rieger, Han Chen, Grazyna Walczak, Robert Harding, Paul Higgs, Lisa Lowe, Jie Fowler, Casey Colson, Jessica Lee, Michael Baun (Ex Officio), Joseph Robbins (Ex Officio), Robert Smith (Ex Officio), Kortnie Ray (Ex Officio), Lizet Ochoa (Ex Officio)

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
<p>(1) Promoting Faculty Networking for International Projects in VSU, and (2) Supporting International Students in VSU. Both are topics which were generated by the Internationalization and Globalization Committee.</p>	<p>Throughout the academic year of 2022-2023, the Internationalization and Globalization Committee has discussed how to support international students in VSU as well as faculty in VSU who are interested in conducting international projects. We made two Task-Force Sub-Committees: (1) one Sub-Committee has worked on making a VSU Global Experiences/Engagement website for faculty networking and (2) another Sub-Committee has mainly worked on supporting international students in VSU.</p>	<p>The Task Force Sub-Committee for Supporting International Students (2) created a Needs Assessment Survey for international students at VSU to find out their needs. The Committee distributed the survey to international students on the VSU campus. The Committee's goal was to find out how we could support international students at VSU by examining their real needs with a survey. We got survey responses from 49 international students in April 2023. The Chair of the Committee reported the findings from the Needs Assessment Survey</p>	<p>N/A</p>

		<p>through the April Faculty Senate meeting.</p> <p>The Task Force Sub-Committee for Making a VSU Global Experiences/Engagement website (1) made a concrete plan of sending an invitation message to faculty, who have been involved in international projects and collaboration in the last 5 year/were involved in such project to submit a short description of their global/international engagement and interests.</p>	

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Appendix M

**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** Library Affairs

**Academic Year:** 2022-2023

**Committee Members:** Brian C. Ring (C, COSM), Jessica Lee (CE, LIB), A.J. Ramirez (PC, CHSS), Ken Smith (LIB, Ex Officio), Huzeyfe Cakmakci (COEHS), Skye Holmes (COA), Jason Brown (COA), Li-Mei Chen (CHSS), Sebastian Bartos (CHSS), Gayle Ramirez (COEHS), Barbara Radcliffe (COEHS), Shipra Gupta (COSM), Shantanu Chakraborty (COSM), Julene Smith (CONHS), Angela Felkins (CONHS), Mary Beth Rousseau (LCOBA), Cori Crews (LCOBA), Samantha Paul (LIB), Crystal Miller (COSA) Alan Bernstein (LIB Ex Officio), Taliyah Harper (SGA Ex Officio), Kelly Hazlehurst (SGA Ex Officio)

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Discussion of Library Contingency Fund by committee & planning call for proposals	Send out call for applications to the fund via faculty list serve	Email Sent out in February 2023. Call for applications by Feb. 17, 2023.	NA
Approval of Applications within the allotted fund amount received by the due date.	Approved funding of 6 applications from faculty across multiple colleges. Over 30 books/materials approved for library.	In progress, but orders and funds are on schedule to be completed by end of April 2023.	NA

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**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** Student Affairs **Academic Year:** 2022-2023

**Committee Members:** Laurel Yu (chair), Sebastian Bartos (chair-elect), Lenese Colson (past-chair), Nathan Moates, Rebecca Reynolds, Tamara Hardesty, Adria Stowers, Heather Kelley, Danielle Bond, Mandi Bailey, Billy Quarles, Kelly Lowry, Sandie Delk, Luke Jones, Jennifer Gill, Tera Ray.

Vincent Miller (ex-officio), Sherolyn Hopkins (ex-officio), Shawn Phippen (ex-officio).

**Dining Hall Sub Committee:** Laurel Yu (faculty), Lynn Darsey (chair), Luisa Garrett (student), Lydia Allen, Sheila Richardson Hall, Shannon McGee, December Storey, Traycee Martin (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Reviewed bylaws	No changes	N/A	N/A
Committee roster updates	Continue to work with the Chair of Committee on Committees to maintain and update committee roster	Yu worked to update roster to have input with subcommittee commitments to engage student and staff.	N/A
Dining Hall Sub-Committee	Continue with sub-committee commitments	The sub-committee met twice during the 2022-23 AY. First online then digitally. Each meeting discussed, reviewed, and voted upon dining hall recommendations for the Dining Plan for AY 2023-24. Other actions included discussion of businesses and operations in the Student Union.	N/A

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**Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form**

**Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Technology Committee** \_\_\_\_\_ **Academic Year:** 2022-  
2023 \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Members:**

- Chunlei Liu
- Ahana Roy Choudhury
- Andrew Curtis Black
- Barbara M Lane
- Bobbie B Ticknor
- Brian A Haugabrook
- Cathy Sowa
- Chang Woo Yang
- Colin M Walker
- Cori O Crews
- Dwayne Trouille
- Edris L Brannen
- Gary Hackbarth
- Gavin D Ponder
- Huzeyfe Cakmakci
- Jemal Mohammed-Awel
- Joshua B Atkins
- Justin R Bacon
- Kaeaiya T Holmes
- Lynn G. Crump-**Chair**
- Marsha B Dukes
- Robin B Kern
- Samantha E Paul
- Yunseon Choi

Issue/Topic <sup>1, 2</sup>	Committee Recommendation <sup>3</sup>	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
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No activities	Maintain-Although no issues were brought up during the 2022-2023 academic year, the technology committee is an important body that will address issues and policies as it relates to technology use within the respective colleges. The completion of the technology surveys in 2021-2022 addressed multiple issues brought about pre and post-pandemic and have been addressed.		

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