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### Agenda

**November 15, 2018, 3:30 pm  
University Center Magnolia Room**

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 ([ebhowington@valdosta.edu](mailto:ebhowington@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 Word.doc attachments.

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 – Eric Howington
2. Reading of proxies obtained prior to the meeting; Request additional proxies for those not given from Senators in attendance – Crystal Randolph.

**Note:** Please send an email to Crystal Randolph ([crandolph@valdosta.edu](mailto:crandolph@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 October 25, 2018 meeting of the Faculty Senate.** <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php> (See link here for minutes for all faculty senate meetings).
4. Updates from President's Office: Dr. Carvajal.
5. Printer Policies and New SOI system: Brian Haugabrook, Chief Information Officer

6. Revision to GPA Calculations:

The floor will be open for additional ideas/questions for the committee to consider. (Limit 15 minutes)

Remand issue to Education Policies committee for further consideration. (See Attachment A).

7. Academic Calendar:

The current academic calendar expires in 2020 and the Academic committee is being asked to begin work on the new five-year cycle. The task is being remanded to the Academic Scheduling and Procedures committee. <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/faculty-senate-approved-calendars.php>

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)) – Catherine Bowers  
iii. Faculty Affairs ([fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu)) – TBD  
iv. Faculty Grievance Committee ([fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu)) – Deborah Davis  
v. Institutional Planning Committee ([fs-stat-ipc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-ipc@valdosta.edu)) – Mitch Lockhart

- 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\_04-29-2018  
ii. Academic\_Honors\_and\_Scholarship\_Minutes\_08-28-2018

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)) – Blaine Brown  
ii. Academic Scheduling & Procedures ([fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu)) – Jennifer Branscome  
iii. Athletic Committee ([fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu)) – Napoleon Bamfo  
iv. Diversity and Equity Committee ([fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu)) – Anurag Dasgupta  
v. Educational Policies ([fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu)) – Kelly Davidson Devall  
vi. Environmental Issues ([fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu)) – Donald Thieme  
vii. Faculty Scholarship ([fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu)) – Luis Gonzalez  
viii. Internationalization and Globalization Committee ([fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu)) – Cindy Tori  
ix. Library Affairs ([fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu)) – Mary Block  
x. Student Affairs ([fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu)) – Jamie Workman  
xi. Technology Committee ([fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu)) – Attila Cseh

10. General Discussion

11. Adjournment

**Attachment A.** Updating and changing the current cumulative grade point average calculation policy in the University Catalogue.

*The issue of how grades are calculated was brought to the Faculty Senate floor at the October 25, 2018 meeting by the Provost for discussion (see minutes at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php>). After discussion it was tabled so the executive committee could find the policy as written below in the current VSU undergraduate catalogue.*

Below is the section regarding the current **grade calculation method** found in the 2018-2019 VSU Undergraduate Catalogue (Academic Affairs), under the section titled “Grading System”:

<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/undergraduate/academic-affairs/>

“A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 (i.e., an average of at least “C” in all work attempted) is required for graduation from VSU. Grades for credit accepted in transfer or by examination are posted on a student’s permanent record card but are not included in the calculation of the VSU cumulative grade point average.

**The cumulative grade point average will be calculated by dividing the number of hours scheduled in all courses attempted in which a grade of A, B, C, D, F, or WF has been assigned into the number of quality points earned on those hours scheduled.**

Computation of the cumulative grade point average treats WF and F grades identically. Grades of W, NR, S, V, U, K, IP, and I are not computed.

Courses passed with a grade of D cannot be counted as satisfying the requirements in the major area or in a minor.

The repeat rule was discontinued Summer 1989. Cumulative grade point averages calculated prior to that time continue to include the repeat provisions. Academic records that were not adjusted for courses repeated prior to Summer 1989 will not be altered.”