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Agenda

**September 20, 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), any actions sent to the President (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) 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 August 23, 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

5. Welcome Newly Elected or Returning Senators:
 Nicole Alemanne – College of Education & Human Services
 Jesse Cook – College of the Arts
 Corey Anderson – College of Science and Mathematics
 Chunlei Liu – College of Science and Mathematics

6. Welcome our new Director of Human Resources, Jeanine Boddie-La Van.

7. Comments from David Kuhlmeier, Faculty Athletic Representative.

8. Old & Unfinished Business
 - a. Statutory Committee Reports
 - i. Academic Committee (fs-stat-ac@valdosta.edu) – Sheri Gravett; Committee met 9/10; Find agendas and minutes here:
<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>
 - ii. Committee on Committees (fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu) – Catherine Bowers
 - iii. Faculty Affairs (fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu) – James Archibald; Committee met 9/12.
 - iv. Faculty Grievance Committee (fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu) – Deborah Davis
 - v. Institutional Planning Committee (fs-stat-ipc@valdosta.edu) – Mitch Lockhart

 - b. Meeting minutes from the various committees should be sent to FS Secretary (Crystal Randolph (crandolph@valdosta.edu)) to be uploaded to the Faculty Senate website **AND** to the library (archives@valdosta.edu) with “Archives Faculty Senate Papers” in the subject line. Minutes from 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 meetings from the various committees should be sent so these documents can be archived properly. Please label minutes documents as shown in the following examples:
 - i. Technology_Minutes_04-29-2015
 - ii. Academic_Honors_and_Scholarship_Minutes_08-28-2015
 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) – Blaine Brown; Committee met 9/17.
 - ii. Academic Scheduling & Procedures (fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu) – Jennifer Branscome
 - iii. Athletic Committee (fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu) – Napoleon Bamfo
 - iv. Diversity and Equity Committee (fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu) – Anurag Dasgupta
 - v. Educational Policies (fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu) – Kelly Davidson Devall
 - vi. Environmental Issues (fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu) – Donald Thieme; Committee met 9/14.
 - vii. Faculty Scholarship (fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu) – Luis Gonzalez; Committee is approving applications online.
 - viii. Internationalization and Globalization Committee (fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu) – Cindy Tori
 - ix. Library Affairs (fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu) – Mary Block
 - x. Student Affairs (fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu) – Jamie Workman; Committee met 9/18.
 - xi. Technology Committee (fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu) – Attila Cseh; Committee met 9/10.

 - b. A request for shade awnings at pedestrian crosswalks has been submitted for consideration. Please see Attachment A.

10. General Discussion

- a. Recall the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Breakfast last spring on the Monday of exam week. Anyone interested in helping plan a joint COSA/Faculty Senate event for spring 2019 should contact Brian Ring (bcring@valdosta.edu).

11. Adjournment

Attachment A

Request for shade awnings at pedestrian crosswalks:

VSU is a pedestrian-friendly campus in which students, faculty, and staff walk among parking lots/decks, buildings, and multiple locations throughout the day. People walking from the Oak Street parking deck to the classrooms on main campus must frequently cross Oak Street either at the **Brookwood Drive/Oak Street** intersection or the **Baytree Street/Oak Street** intersection. Those who park at the UC or along street parking on Brookwood Drive also must cross the intersection at **Brookwood Drive/Patterson Street** or at the **main campus driveway and Patterson Street**. These intersections favor north/south traffic, meaning that pedestrians heading east or west have a longer wait time for the light to change in their favor.

These intersections are unshaded. Pedestrians (and bicycle commuters) must wait in the unyielding sun, which can be especially punishing in the hotter months of the year. In the U.S., 9,500 people are diagnosed with skin cancer *each* day (<https://www.aad.org/media/stats/conditions/skin-cancer>).

I would like to propose the addition of **shade awnings** at these intersections listed above to protect VSU students, faculty, and staff from the damaging effects of the sun (and resulting sweatiness) while they wait to access or leave campus.

Thank you.

Jennifer S. Beal
MSRD Faculty Senator