



FACULTY SENATE

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Brian Ring
President

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President Elect**

Crystal Randolph
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Debbie Paine
Parliamentarian

Mike Holt
Past President

**February 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, any actions sent to the President 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 to fsec@valdosta.edu.

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 – Brian Ring
Meeting called to order at 3:36 pm
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 January 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).
Minutes approved; one abstention
4. VSU President, Dr. Richard Carvajal & Provost Smith are away on USG business.
5. Campus Wellness, Rebecca Murphy and team to present upcoming events and spring Faculty & Staff Social (see below).
Rebecca Martin and Kyle Culpepper attended the meeting to share new initiatives from Campus Wellness. Kyle presented a "Can you Rocky" activity. A well-being portal is being

initiated by the USG. A well-being credit is being offered to employees and spouses on a USG healthcare plan. The award money will be added to check and \$100 can be earned per adult/spouse. Campus Wellness is hosting two sessions in which employees can share what they think. Friday, February 16 at the following times: 12:00-12:50 pm and 2:00-2:50 pm. The time frame for entering information is March 1 – September 30th. Money will be added to the November 2018 paycheck.

6. Old & Unfinished Business

a. Statutory Committee Reports

- i. Academic Committee (fs-stat-ac@valdosta.edu) – Sheri Gravett, See minutes here: <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>
- ii. Committee on Committees (fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu) – Catherine Bowers, general elections of the faculty senate and its committees updates?
Catherine Bowers spoke of the Co-Co bylaws will need to be amended to represent the split in the College of Arts and Sciences. Co-Co will be in touch with colleges to ensure this occurs. She also mentioned the faculty grievance chair needs a tenured, full professor to serve as a chair. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Catherine Bowers. The faculty senate seats for the two new colleges have been distributed and need faculty members to fill vacant seats.
- iii. Faculty Affairs (fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu) – Bob Spires, faculty emeritus policy updates?
Bob announced the committee is meeting and will bring remanded items to vote on in the March meeting.
- iv. Faculty Grievance Committee (fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu) – Marty Williams-No updates
- v. Institutional Planning Committee (fs-stat-ipc@valdosta.edu) – Jennifer Beal-No updates

- 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. ☺

7. New Business

a. Standing Committee Reports:

- i. Academic Honors & Scholarships (fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu) – Neena Banerjee
- ii. Academic Scheduling & Procedures (fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu) – Jacque Wheeler
Look at the charge and by-laws
- iii. Athletic Committee (fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu) – Heidi Gonzalez
A link was sent out to solicit nominations for student athletes. In The fall, the Athletic Committee will recognize 15 students.
- iv. Diversity and Equity Committee (fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu)– Tamara Hardesty, committee composition issues? **Resolved**
- v. Educational Policies (fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu)– Kendric Coleman
- vi. Environmental Issues (fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu) – Deborah Hall
The committee met 26 January 2018. The Arbor Day celebration occurred this morning at the STEAM center. A tree planting ceremony in which a Willow Oak was

planted. The university received the Tree Campus Award for the 6th year. A new chair, Greg Brown, was elected for the recycling subcommittee. Recycling items have not been being retrieved from campus.

- vii. Faculty Scholarship (fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu) – Roger McIntyre
- viii. Internationalization and Globalization Committee (fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu) – Cindi Tori
The committee met and acknowledged several issues, but the focus on the meeting was designated to look at study abroad. Information from the committee will be voted on at the March meeting.
- ix. Library Affairs (fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu) – Shaunita Strozier
- x. Student Affairs (fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu) – Gabrielle Stellmacher
- xi. Technology Committee (fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu) – Marc Pufong

b. Updates and plans for the new Senate composition and its committee membership for the splitting of COAS into the Colleges of Humanities & Social Science and College of Science & Math starting Fall 2018 (remand to CoCo). A finalized roster will be presented in March or April.

8. General Discussion & Announcements

- a. The VSU retiree association will hold its 18th Annual Faculty & Staff Luncheon on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 11:30 – 1:00 here at the UC Magnolia room.
- b. Nominations for the election of new members of the FS executive committee and chair of the Faculty Grievance committee (must be a full professor) will commence at our next March meeting. Please bring nominees and a special thanks to Marty Williams for his past years of service on the Faculty Grievance committee!
- c. Discussion of the Faculty & Staff spring 2018 social event sponsored by the President's office. Ideas for the spring social event was discussed. The executive boards of COSA and FS will meet to discuss this further
- d. Deb Brihl spoke about potential issues with the experiential learning requirements listed in the new strategic plan. She mentioned several issues that should be considered: number of hours, specific guidelines, will this be in class or out of class, is it tied to the major, what about online or transfer students, will this require some type of degree requirement paperwork. These questions will be addressed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee questions to the president.

9. Adjournment

Date: 2/15

Faculty Senate Attendance: Please **initial** to the **right of your name**. If you are a proxy for someone, write **proxy** to the **right of their name**.

College of the Arts	Initials
Abigail Heuss	
Karl Wildman	proxy
Colin Walker	proxy
Sarah Arnett	XX
Stephanie Neeman	
Tamara Hardesty	XX
Tommy Crane	XX
Jacque Wheeler	XX

College of Arts and Sciences	Initials
Ligia Focsan	proxy
Marty Williams	XX
Jemal Mohammed-Awel	
Sudip Chakraborty	
Dereth Drake	XX
John Crowley	XX
Ubaraj Katawal	proxy
Brian Ring	XX
Rebecca Gaskins	XX
Babacar Mboup	
Mitch Lockhart	proxy
Napoleon Bamfo	
Mary Block	XX
Kelly Davidson Devall	
Donald Thieme	XX
Anurag Dasgupta	
Deborah Hall	XX
Roger McIntyre	XX
Gabrielle Stellmacher	XX
Kendric Coleman	proxy
Neena Banerjee	
Bobbie Ticknor	proxy
Daniel Baracskey	
Marc G. Pufong	XX
Theresa Grove	XX

College of Business Administration	Initials
Luis Gonzalez	
Eric Howington	XX
Cindi Tori	XX
S. Andrew "Andy" Ostapski	
Gary Futrell	

College of Education & Human Services	Initials
Shaunita Strozier	
Regina Suriel	XX
Nancy Sartin	proxy
David Bruno	proxy
Debbie Paine	XX
Blaine Browne	XX
Diane Wright	
Jennifer Branscome	XX
Alicja Rieger	proxy
Lucia Lu	XX
Jennifer Beal	proxy
Crystal Randolph	XX
Robert (Bob) Spires	XX
Jamie Workman	XX

College of Nursing & Health Sciences	Initials
Michelle Ritter	XX
Serina McEntire	XX
Dee Ott	XX
Heidi Gonzalez	XX

Odum Library	Initials
Catherine Bowers	XX
Mike Holt	XX
Deborah Davis	XX

Retirees Association Representative	Initials
David Boyd	

Council on Staff Affairs (non-voting):	Initials
Brandon Mainer	XX
Terrance Sullivan	XX

Student Senators (non-voting)	Initials
Maya Mapp	
Adam Slaton	XX

Visitors (Please PRINT)	Initials
Amaka Nwoko	
Hanae Kanno	