



FACULTY SENATE
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate
April 17, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

April 17 meeting recording

Items in **bold print** are items that require action by the Faculty Senate. Other items are for information only.

- 1) Call to Order – Forrest Parker
- 2) Declaration of proxies obtained prior to the meeting and request of proxies for those not given from Senators in attendance – Karen Terry
See attendance sign-in documents
 - a) Please send an email to Karen Terry (katerry@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 March 27, 2025, meeting of the Faculty Senate.**
 - a) See link here for minutes for all Faculty Senate meetings: <https://www.valdosta.edu/senate>
- 4) President's Report – Forrest Parker
Welcome remarks and updates regarding committee responsibilities
 - a) Committee chairs: Please send annual reports to Forrest Parker (fparker@valdosta.edu)
- 5) Updates from the Office of the President and Academic Affairs- Dr. Richard Carvajal and Dr. Sheri Noviello

President – not able to attend due to schedule conflict

Provost update: consisted of enrollment, return to F2F students, budget updates

Q/A:

- *No indication of VSU merging*
- *RNL will assist w/ recruiting and retention*
- *Advising*
 - *Designated faculty advisors*
 - *Limitations w/ SLATE and other reasons*
 - *More centralized = smaller #'s to train*
 - *Dept Heads submit list by 25th*
 - *Volunteers: Workload documents live in colleges – Dean's will advise*
 - *Course releases – up to dept/colleges*
 - *Degree Works will continue – clean up by Fall*
- *Dean – College of Business*
- *Faculty Scholarship – 15 committee members met – USG rep present*

Meeting minutes from committees should be sent to fsec@valdosta.edu AND to archives@valdosta.edu with "Archives Faculty Senate Papers" in the subject line. Please label minutes documents as shown in the following examples:

- Technology_Minutes_04-29-2022
- Academic_Honors_and_Scholarship_Minutes_08-28-2021

Thank you for your assistance in getting and keeping our records up to date.

6) Permanent Committee Reports

- Academic Committee (fs-stat-ac@valdosta.edu) – Sheri Gravett; Find agendas and minutes here: <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>
Final meeting held – new catalog in May
- Committee on Committees (fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu) – Samantha Paul
Thank you to committees – working on elections – Chairs report on member
- Faculty Affairs (fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu) – Tolulope Salami
Nothing to report – thank you to committee members
- Faculty Grievance Committee (fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu) – John Dunn
No report

7) Standing Committee Reports

- Academic Honors & Scholarships (fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu) – Ellis Logan
Honors Banquet 4/24
 - President's List Proposal** - *passed*
- Academic Scheduling & Procedures (fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu) – Taralynn Hartsell
 - Academic Schedule Proposal**
5 year calendar sent to H. Coppage and S. Jones – passed w/1 abstention
- Athletic Committee (fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu) – Kathy Nobles
23 nominations student athlete spotlight – 22 students acknowledged
- Diversity and Equity Committee (fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu) – Ryan Wander
 - Update from Dr. Wander**
New bylaws – end of April – Blazer Creed aligned
New name – Human Capital Committee – passed w/ 2 abstentions
- Educational Policies (fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu) – Zachary Karazsia
 - Academic Probation** – *passed*
- Environmental Issues (fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu) – Don Thieme & Chia-ling Lynn Ho
2 meetings held: 1) recycling committee designed flyer – collaborate w/ growth (planting trees), aborist search continues, trash trap for straw free but maintenance declined – will add to next year's list.
- Faculty Scholarship (fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu) – Jennifer Lambert- Shute
Fund 132 applications – open call in August
- Internationalization and Globalization (fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu) – Jiyeon Jung
Committee meeting 4/7 – survey going out
- Library Affairs (fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu) – Meagan Wood Hopkins
No report
- Student Affairs (fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu) – Susan Boddie
V. Miller attending meeting – gave ideas for recruitment – check in w/ current student to remind to register – attendance challenges: support from administration/tiered ways to communicate. Campus safety request for students. Q: ASPIRE and POISE: meeting w/ Provost and 4 members at system office
- Technology Committee (fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu) – Mallory Lane
No report

- 8) Unfinished Business
 - a) **Administrative Review Tool**
 - i) Rolling over for next year
 - b) **President's List Proposal**
 - i) Remanded to the Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee
 - c) **Academic Schedule**
 - d) **Academic Probation**
- 9) New Business
 - a) Nominations for Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 - i) Parliamentarian – Christian Dillon *32 votes*
 - ii) Secretary – Shaun Ault *34 votes*
 - iii) Vice President / President Elect – Hoa Nguen *33 votes*
 - iv) Other Nominations from the floor
 - b) Elections
- 10) General Discussion
- 11) Adjournment

Reports and agenda items due to president (fparker@valdosta.edu):

At the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (fsec@valdosta.edu) any actions sent to the president (fparker@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 attached as Word documents.

Proxies sent to secretary (katerry@valdosta.edu): April 10th

Next Faculty Senate meeting: August 21, 3:30 p.m.

Attachments

- A. Faculty Senate Calendar 2025-2026
- B. Faculty Senate Minutes 03-27-2025
- C. President's List
- D. Academic Probation
- E. Academic Schedule