



FACULTY SENATE  
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Faculty Senate**  
March 27, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

*Meeting Minutes*

Audio Recording: [March 27 FS meeting audio](#)

NOTE: *abbreviated notes* below – access full recording for complete meeting.

Attendance/Sign In: [FS Attendance Document 3 27 2025.pdf](#)

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](#) above for listing of proxies*
  - a) Please send an email to Karen Terry ([katerry@valdosta.edu](mailto: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 February 20, 2025, meeting of the Faculty Senate.**

*Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 31 yes and 1 abstention*

- a) See link here for minutes for all Faculty Senate meetings: <https://www.valdosta.edu/senate>

4) President's Report – Forrest Parker

- a) Committee chairs: Please send annual reports to Forrest Parker ([fparker@valdosta.edu](mailto:fparker@valdosta.edu))

5) Updates from the Office of the President and Academic Affairs- Dr. Richard Carvajal and Dr. Sheri Noviello

*President:*

*Re-engage campus: Email will be sent on 3/28 to all faculty and students to announce changes to Fall 25 schedule to align and live up to VSU 2030 strategic plan – will create a new energy to campus*

*Enrollment next Fall – concerns w/ # of new applicants – improvements w/ retention of students but on the heels on post COVID #'s. There is a demand to bring in new students – encouraged all departments to support recruiting efforts*

*DEI: likelihood of SB120 passing in another avenue in the future, national trend still exists, VSU will continue in that effort. Continue to work in your departments in that effort.*

*Legislative session still in – winding down -small allotment for renovation of COEHS – still working to keep those allocated funds in the budget*

*Chamber of Commerce Meeting – VSU recipient of award for work to overcome hurricane Helene, cyber intrusion, and support of the community.*

*Provost:*

*Movement to face to face for undergraduates – there will be a form for students to complete if they experience difficulties with new schedule of all F2F courses to explain those difficulties. Advising team will respond with possible options to resolve those difficulties to include other sections, etc.*

*RNL consulting – still in process – working on strategic enrollment plan*

*Pop In w/ Provost cancelled for Friday – will be rescheduled*

*Concluding interviews for College of Arts Dean*

*First candidate on campus this week for College of Business Dean others planned for next week*

*Q&A*

*Q: Concern about a one size fits all approach mandate – understand and respect following strategic plan – why so quickly?*

*A: VSU student leaders have been consistent to ask to move back to F2F. Migration due to student demand. 2,000 current full time F2F students does not align to other like institutions.*

*Q: How long will the response time be to the survey?*

*A: Advisors will respond to try to work around student need. Scheduling of classes for example adding Friday sections, etc.*

*Q: The timing is very quick – why so quickly?*

*A: We migrated quickly the other way when needed and now migrating back*

*A2: Spring allows more time to flex the schedule of offerings..... <discussion continued>*

*Q: What about summer?*

*A: the focus is on Fall and Spring – current F2F summer will continue*

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- 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) Update and Report from Director of Information Security – Cathy Sowa.

*Ms. Sowa was not present – will reschedule*

7) Permanent Committee Reports

- a) 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>

*Many program changes and additions <see recording, link above>*

- b) Committee on Committees ([fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu)) – Samantha Paul

*Working on elections- see email sent for information regarding Grievance Committee*

- c) Faculty Affairs ([fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu)) – Tolulope Salami

- i) Administrative Review Tool – Update

*The committee is working on the survey*

- d) Faculty Grievance Committee ([fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu)) – John Dunn *nothing to report*

8) Standing Committee Reports

- a) Academic Honors & Scholarships ([fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu)) – Ellis Logan

*APH award candidate recommendations are in – will interview 3 finalists*

- i) President’s List Proposal – Update

*4.0 GPA/12 credit hours*

- b) Academic Scheduling & Procedures ([fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu)) – Taralynn Hartsell *working on academic calendar to bring for vote*

- c) Athletic Committee ([fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu)) – Kathy Nobles *accepting nominations for student athlete spotlight*

- d) Diversity and Equity Committee ([fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu)) – Ryan Wander *consideration for new name and bylaws that align and uphold Blazer Creed*
- e) Educational Policies ([fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu)) – Zachary Karazsia *propose new academic probation – vote in April*
- f) Environmental Issues ([fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu)) – Don Thieme & Chia-ling Lynn Ho *1) recycling program has started 2) Campus beautification – planting trees 3) Search for arborist is ongoing*
- g) Faculty Scholarship ([fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu)) – Jennifer Lambert- Shute *12 apps to review – 4/1 deadline for June- Aug*
- h) Internationalization and Globalization ([fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu)) – Jiyeon Jung *hosted session for students – <see recording for additional information>*
- i) Library Affairs ([fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu)) – Meagan Wood Hopkins
- j) Student Affairs ([fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu)) – Susan Boddie *no report*
- k) Technology Committee ([fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu](mailto:fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu)) – Mallory Lane *IT – feedback on Cyber Intrusion*

*Q: When will faculty bios be restored? A: TBD*

9) Unfinished Business

- a) Administrative Review Tool
  - i) Report given by Faculty Affairs Committee
- b) President's List Proposal
  - i) Remanded to the Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee

10) New Business *none*

11) General Discussion *none*

12) Adjournment

Reports and agenda items due to president ([fparker@valdosta.edu](mailto:fparker@valdosta.edu)): March 27

At the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee ([fsec@valdosta.edu](mailto:fsec@valdosta.edu)) any actions sent to the president ([fparker@valdosta.edu](mailto: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](mailto:katerry@valdosta.edu)): April 10<sup>th</sup>

Next Faculty Senate meeting: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m.

## **Attachments**

- A. Faculty Senate Calendar 2024-2025
- B. Faculty Senate Minutes 11-20-2024