



# FACULTY SENATE Est. 1991

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Secretary

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## Faculty Senate Minutes May 21, 2015, 3:30 pm Magnolia Room

1. Call to Order by Michael Noll at 3:36 p.m.
2. President McKinney shared that the BOR meeting was uneventful. He also announced new articulation agreements bringing the number to 15-20. He also shared that the fastest growing numbers are in the junior class. Fares asked about enrollment. According to McKinney it is down, and the flag incident did not help. Admissions is working hard in Florida and making headway in Alabama and South Carolina. Velez-Marulanda shared his concerns about the recent flag incident, students fear, and our readiness for a terrorist attack. Laura Pitts reminded everyone that the counseling center is available to all students.
3. Minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate approved unanimously.  
(<http://ww2.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/index.shtml>)

Proxies: Holt for Russell; Bell for Acosta; Kuhlmeier for Futrell; Cohen for Atkinson; Holliman for Lambeth; L. Adams for Graves; Lamb for Carter; Wright for Thieme; Grant for Jewusiak; Walters for Schlairet; Crane for Lowe; Jurczak for Lennon; and Archibald for Tsemunhu.

4. Faculty Senate Elections were introduced and conducted by President-Elect, James Archibald. Peggy Moch and linda jurczak ran for President-elect. Moch was elected. Sean Lennon and linda jurczak ran for Parliamentarian, and Lennon was elected. Bonnie Cohen and Mike Holt ran for Secretary. Cohen was elected.
5. Old & Unfinished Business
  - a. Statutory Committee Reports (annual reports) Brief reports on highlights of reports.

Academic Committee – Sheri Gravett

(All meeting materials, agendas, and minutes for the year are available at:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>)

Handout distributed of brief highlights of recommendation on handling Faculty Excellence Awards, including VSU awards, which would allow for more flexibility. More discussion will take place over summer and be presented in fall.

Committee on Committees - Diane Holliman - Met twice this year. Behind the timeline on this. Elections should be done by first of August. Long-term goal to update by-laws.

Faculty Affairs – Bill Buchanan - The committee is changing leadership and has been in a state of flux. The good news is it is now stable.

Faculty Grievance Committee - Said Fares -No issues raised.

Institutional Planning Committee - Diane Wright - The committee desires feedback on how to create the positive changes noted on page 7.

b. Standing Committee Reports (annual reports)

Academic Scheduling & Procedures - Tommy Crane - The Senate needed to vote on the final exam schedule for 2015-2016, which passed with one abstention.

Academic Honors & Scholarships – Maren Clegg-Hyer - Thanked everyone for their participation and those who nominated students. The candidates were amazing and it was fun to interact with them. The committee voted on someone to speak at the dinner, and it was Dr. Jane Whitehead who did a wonderful talk.

Athletics - Stacey Walters - The committee met three times, and in addition, two subcommittees also had meetings. The By-Laws were changed to better align with those of the Faculty Senate. The committee also opened up the charge slightly to better protect the integrity of academic athletics. There is detailed information in the report about an award for an athlete who does well in academics. Awards will be given every semester to a female and a male athlete that will be for leadership/academics. This award is more expansive than the current award for GPA.

Educational Policies - Jacob M. Jewusiak absent; Noll read bullet points. 1) met three times to evaluate current SOI model, 2) construct a survey to gain faculty and administration opinions about the SOI, 3) constructed and revised the survey input from Michael Black; 237 responses, over 100 responses to qualitative questions, after analysis, the committee recommends the establishment of an ad hoc committee chaired by Steve Downing to take up the issues of the SOIs. Discussion about the charge of the ad hoc committee versus the Educational Policies Committee. Motion to approve creation of this committee approved.

Environmental Issues - Theresa J. Grove- no report

Faculty Scholarship & Research - Grazyna H. Walczak was absent. The report was summarized by Noll. Royle stated that the decisions were made but cannot say if the letters were sent. Sanger stated that it seems the grants are disproportionate. Royle suggested having someone champion for you. Winska added that there is a report summarizing money awarded, but outside grants awarded based on the grant work is not known and needs to be looked at.

Internationalization and Globalization Committee - David Kuhlmeier recapped report; established three subcommittees-VSU study abroad; curriculum, faculty and student internationalization; and campus intercultural efforts. Three goals for the next year-1) continue promotion, study abroad funding, and staff support; 2) a database of faculty and staff international experience and interests; and 3) promotion of more cultural events on campus and the creation of a more comprehensive listing of intercultural events and international organizations on campus to limit duplication of efforts.

Library Affairs - Rudo Tsemunhu-no report

Diversity & Equity - linda pysher jurczak -The committee met once and changed the name. Ideas came up late in the year and were not able to be acted on.

Student Activities & Services - James Archibald -Soon to be called the Student Affairs Committee. Committee met four times, and the report includes everything that was done. There are some concerning issues with Residence Life and Housing based on the report provided by Dr. George McClellan. It is highly apparent students are not happy, and concerns were put together by the committee were taken to Traycee Martin for review. Committee will need to look at this further in the near future. Asking for COCO to look at the size of the committee, which is the second largest due to the merge between student activities and student services committees. The number of Ex-officio members was not adjusted, and the committee has a recommendation for ex-officio members.

Technology - Victoria Russell - Holt reported. Met twice per semester and most of the work was about email and acceptable use policy. The report includes the primary issues, such as clarifying email and clearing up troubling language, and looked primarily at faculty and staff; it also includes provisioning and deactivation of email accounts according to IT's new policy. Holt reported the unacceptable use policy is not the end of the revisions, it is only the beginning.

c. Special and Ad Hoc Committees

- President's Sustainability Committee: majority vote supports divestment.

d. **Faculty Senate bylaws** -Sections highlighted in the copy are the necessary changes. Changes to the bylaws were approved.

e. **Motion to have Office of Institutional Research do SOIs** - Brief discussion about correcting a period of distrust and who sees the evaluations. Motion passed.

f. **Recommended Change to Academic Probation** (Sheri Gravett) Minor change supported unanimously per Noll's request.

g. 2015-2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule

h. Faculty Senate Financial Report - Noll used some funds for Faculty Council. Archibald will discuss in the future.

6. New Business

a. One candidate for the Chief of Police Search was on campus May 21, 2015 and another is expected next week. There is a link online for resumé and schedule.

b. Summer Teaching Guidelines per Gravett 20 students for Core classes to make, 15 for major classes, and 10 for graduate classes.

c. Planning and Budget Council: increased funding for recruitment from AL, FL, SC-\$1M per Rogers that is out of year-end money, which means it is not recurrent.

7. Discussion-The Executive Committee was thanked for their service.

8. Adjournment at 5:27 p.m.

## **Attendance**

\* indicates a proxy

## **Faculty Senate**

Arsalan Wares  
Babacar Mboup  
Bonni S Cohen  
Brett Williams  
Craig Hawkins  
David Kuhlmeier  
Dawn Lambeth\*  
Denise Atkinson\*  
Diane Holliman  
Diane Wright  
Donald Thieme\*  
Fleming Bell  
Fred Ware  
Gary Futrell\*  
Grazyna H. Walczak\*  
Jacob M. Jewusiak  
James Archibald  
Jason Allard  
Jessica Graves\*  
Jose Velez-Marulanda  
Kalina Winska  
Karen Acosta\*  
Karin Murray  
Katharine Adams  
Katherine Lamb  
linda jurczak  
Lynn Adams  
Marc G. Pufong  
Maren Clegg-Hyer  
Mathew Carter\*  
Matthew Grant  
Maura Schlairet\*  
Michael Noll

Michael Sanger  
Michelle Ocasio  
Mike Holt  
Rudo Tsemunhu\*  
S. Andrew “Andy” Ostapski  
Said Fares  
Sarah Arnett  
Sean Lennon\*  
Shannon Lowe\*  
Stacey Walters  
Sudip Chakraborty  
Todd Royle  
Tommy Crane  
William Buchanan

## **Vistors**

Barrie Fitzgerald - Instr. Research  
Keith Warburg - COSA/EMC  
Mykhael Walker - IT  
Laura Pitts - COSA