



FACULTY SENATE

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Minutes

**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
The meeting was called to order at 3:35 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 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).

Approved by the majority with a minor change of changing Powell Hall to Pound Hall

4. Updates from President's Office
The president was unable to attend the meeting and sent the following updates.
1) **Ashley Cinema Project has "recommended" status at BOR.**

- \$18 million (\$13 m from state and \$5 m private -- \$1.7 m already pledged.)
- 2) Convocation Feedback: President's Cabinet has identified 12 viable ideas.
 - 3) University Council met yesterday and four policies/revisions were approved:
 - Facility Use for Events (revised)
 - Outdoor Lighting (revised)
 - Programs and Activities Serving Minors (new)
 - Balloon Release (new)
 - 4) Initiatives Related to Strategic Plan:
 - Faculty Salary Study is underway
 - Work Load committee met this week
 - Summer Budget Model group (Deans and Provost) has met twice.
 - 5) President has emphasized "Wear Red on Fridays" and plans to give away "free stuff" on Fridays to people that he finds wearing red.

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.

Ms. Boddie-La Van discussed examining the processes for human resources. She also stated that the human resources' office is currently completing an internal audit to review all policies and procedures. The focus priorities at this time are student employment hiring procedures and the OneUSG platform. New changes include a credit check to individuals who are issued a p-card. She also gave a reminder that open enrollment is in November and that everyone should remember to go online and choose his or her smoking status. Those who do not will be charged a fee and will not receive a refund.

7. Comments from David Kuhlmeier, Faculty Athletic Representative.

Did not attend; will attend next faculty senate meeting

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>

Dr. Gravett was unable to attend and sent the following updates:

We have four items from the College of Science and Mathematics that we are forwarding to the University System of Georgia General Education Council. These items involve a minor change to the two Principles of Biology courses (I and II) offered in Area D. 2. a. of our core for our science majors. Currently, the lecture and lab sections of BIOL 1107K and BIOL 1108K are offered as one course. The Biology Department has requested to split the lecture and lab into separate sections (BIOL 1107 and BIOL 1107L and BIOL 1108 and BIOL 1108L). The department believes that separating the lecture and lab will provide students with more flexibility in their schedules because all labs will open to all students. Additionally, students who fail one component (lecture or lab) will only have to retake that one component.

- 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.

The committee reviewed and are updating by-laws and are currently examining tenure and promotion guidelines.

- 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.

Remanded to the Environmental Issues Committee

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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

Date: 9-20-18

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
Tommy Crane	XX
Jacque Wheeler	XX
Tamara Hardesty	XX
Jesse Cook	XX
Evelyn Davis-Walker	XX
Joe Mason	XX
Mark McQuade	XX
Matt Roehrich	XX
Ryan Smith	XX
Sarah Arnett	XX
College of Business Administration	Initials
Luis Gonzalez	XX
Eric Howington	XX
Cindi Tori	proxy
S. Andrew "Andy" Ostapski	XX
Gary Futrell	XX
Attila Cseh	XX
College of Education & Human Services	
Lucia Lu	XX
Jennifer Beal	XX
Crystal Randolph	XX
Debbie Paine	XX
Blaine Browne	XX
Diane Wright	
Jennifer Branscome	XX
Alicja Rieger	XX
Jamie Workman	XX
James Archibald	XX
E-Ling Hsiao	XX
Steven Kohn	XX
Hanae Kanno	XX

Charles Talor	XX

College of the Humanities and Social Sciences	Initials
Babacar Mboup	
Kelly Davidson Devall	
Deborah Hall	proxy
Roger McIntyre	XX
Gabrielle Stellmacher	XX
Kendric Coleman	XX
Neena Banerjee	XX
Bobbie Ticknor	XX
Daniel BaracsKay	XX
Marc G. Pufong	XX
Beatriz Potter	XX
Mary Block	
Brian K. R. Nelson	XX
Napolean Bamfo	XX
College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Initials
Kwanza Thomas	XX
Dee Ott	XX
Heidi Gonzalez	XX
Laura Carter	XX
College of Science and Mathematics	Initials
Mitch Lockhart	XX
Donald Thieme	XX
Anurag Dasgupta	XX
Ligia Focsan	XX
Linda de la Garza	XX
Peggy Moch	proxy
Jose Velez	
Can Denizman	XX
Chunlei Liu	XX
Corey Anderson	XX
Odum Library	Initials
Catherine Bowers	XX
Deborah Davis	proxy

Retirees Association Representative	Initials
David Boyd	
Council on Staff Affairs (non-voting)	Initials
Sterlin Sanders	XX
Terrance Sullivan	XX
Student Senators (non-voting)	Initials
Jacob Bell	XX
Visitors (please print your name)	Initials
Olivia Spxxx (illegible)	XX
Gary Miller	XX
Honey Coppage	XX
Becky da Cruz	XX
Megan Satliff	XX
EBxxxx Sadek (illegible)	XX