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FACULTY SENATE

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Chairman President H. C. Bailey	Vice Chairman Vice President L. Levy	Executive Secretary Dr. R. Hull	Parliamentarian Dr J. Wheeler
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Minutes of April 19, 2001

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. in the Powell Hall Auditorium. Members present were:

H.C. Bailey, President
L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs
R. Hull, Executive Secretary
J. Wheeler, Parliamentarian

Ex-Officio Senators:

J. Brignati
R. Devery (absent)
M.K. Corbitt (proxy J. Hiers)
K. Stanley (absent)
E. Clark
G. Gaumond (proxy E. Clark)
P. Cleveland (absent)

College of the Arts:

R. Mast (absent)
L. Milbrandt
T. Reed (absent)
M.A. Reichenbach
P. Allen (absent)
N. Argyle (absent)

F. Barnas (proxy J. Wheeler)
M. Savoie
P. McNeill (proxy J. Hornsby)
J. Wheeler
D. Farwell (proxy M. Savoie)

J. Hornsby
C. Coons
T. Harding

College of Arts and Sciences:

T. Manning (proxy B. Derrick)
C. Johnson
E. Sheeley
L. Hanes (proxy T. Thompson)
D. Sewell (absent)
J. Hiers
M. Smith

B. Bergstrom (absent)
M. Laughlin (proxy M. Smith)
V. Soady (absent)
T. Meyers (absent)
C. Walker
S. Seyfarth

B. Derrick
J. Petrella (absent)
T. Thompson
D. Bogyo
B. Adler (proxy S. Seyfarth)
J. Wilkinson

J. Elza
D. Robinson
S. Goel
A. Lazari (absent)

College of Business Administration:

C. Superville (proxy B. Caster)
P. Fadil (proxy A. Reddy)

M. Holland
B. Caster
A. Reddy

College of Education:

S. Harvill (proxy R. McClung)	L. Carter	G. Langford	A. Recesso (absent)
F. Smith (proxy M. Venn)	M. Garber	J. Hummel(proxy L.Wiley)	L. Moore
R. McClung	L. Wiley	C. Backes (absent)	B. Gerber
A. Gibbs(absent)	A. Brovey	K. Wells	M. Venn

College of Nursing:

L. Marinelli (absent)	D. Ebron	D. Weaver
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Division of Social Work:

M. Meacham

Odum Library:

S. Thomas	K. Smith
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Visitors:

J. Wright, B. O'Hara, D. Boyd

1. Call to Order - H. Bailey called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of the March 15, 2001 Senate minutes** – B. Derrick requested that the minutes of the February 15, 2001 meeting concerning Item 6 be corrected. The corrected passage is included as Attachment # 1. B. Derrick also requested that the corrected Tree Policy that was provided by the Environmental Issues Committee be included in the April 19, 2001 minutes. That policy is included as Attachment #2. **The March 15, 2001 minutes were approved.**
3. Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business.
4. New Business
 - a. Report from the Academic Committee - L. Levy referred to the February 12, 2001 Academic Committee meeting minutes which were included as Attachment #1 in the April 19, 2001 agenda and stated that the items involved mainly course changes, modifications, amendments to courses, prerequisites, and the like. He moved to approve the minutes and after the motion was seconded, **the minutes were approved.**
 - b. Report from the Committee on Committees - S.Thomas announced that the Committee on Committees would be meeting on April 26 to finalize committee assignments and update the roster for next year. In addition, she reported that the ballots for the Grievance Committee had been totaled and that Dr. Betty Derrick and Dr. Jane Elza were elected by the general faculty for the vacant spots on the committee, with their terms running from 2001-2004. Dr. Andrew Brovey was appointed by the Committee on Committees to chair the Grievance Committee for next year. This report is included as Attachment #3.

- c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee - M. Smith reported that the Institutional Planning Committee met on April 10 to conduct their annual review of the Valdosta State University budget process. He stated that President Bailey, Mr. Brignati, and Dr. Levy made presentations to the committee and that the committee hoped to make a few minor recommendations on the procedures in the near future. This report is included as Attachment #4.
- d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee - B. Caster reported that the committee had only one information item to report which dealt with the request of the committee to investigate whether or not it was possible to change the definitions of "full-time" and "half-time" teaching loads for summer semester, as it appeared that the current definitions had not been updated to reflect the semester conversion. He explained that the committee discovered that indeed, the definitions of "full-time" and "half-time" summer teaching loads had not been updated to reflect summer conversion. He pointed out, however, that these definitions come from the Georgia State Teacher Retirement System (which uses definitions mandated by the Board of Regents), and that it is not within the power of the Faculty Affairs Committee to modify those definitions locally. This report is included as Attachment #5.
- e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee - D. Bogyo, reporting for B. Adler stated that there was no report.
- f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary
 - 8. R. Hull referred to the memo from Acting Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Russ Mast responding to the question regarding campus housing. R. Hull reports that the memo explains that the issue of space for Honors students has been addressed and that the request for additional housing for Honors students has been addressed by the Senate Executive Committee as well.
 - 2. The second item on the agenda concerned a request from Dr. Levy to consider the attached Graduation GPA Requirements and Proposed Change in Incomplete Grade Policy. L. Levy reported that he felt that this item had been remanded to the Educational Policies Committee.
 - 8. An additional item on the agenda concerns the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Policy for Valdosta State University from the Institutional Review Board. B. Derrick requested clarification concerning page 16, section C of the attached document regarding the statement, "The IACUC shall consist of at least five members, including an approved veterinarian, and its membership shall meet the compositional requirements set forth in PHS Policy, Part IV. A. 3b." B. Derrick questioned whether faculty members would be included as members of this committee. She also requested clarification as to whether or not these positions would include faculty from the Biology

department at the University. D. Bogyo, speaking as a former member of the Institutional Review Board explained that J.Lockhart and M.Capece from the Sociology Department were involved with this committee in the past. He also explained that T. Doscher, a veterinarian and faculty member from the Biology Department had also been asked to participate on this committee. B.Derrick requested that the policy be amended to reflect that the committee must contain members of the Biology and Sociology departments. The motion was seconded and passed after no discussion. After no further discussion concerning the passage of the Valdosta State University Interim Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals as amended, **the motion carried. The entire Policy, as amended, is included as Attachment # 6 and the amended portion of the document is printed in bold italics.**

4. R. Hull recognized A. Reddy from the Faculty Development and Research Committee to provide the year-end report of this committee. This report is included as Attachment # 7.
8. M. Meechum gave the year-end report of the Library Affairs Committee. A summary of this report is included as Attachment # 8.
6. C. Walker gave the report for the Minority and Diversity Issues Committee concerning the possible addition of a clause of sexual orientation to VSU's discrimination statement. He explained that the committee's concerns have been forwarded to the University's lawyer, and, having received no reply, the committee feels that they are unable to move forward at this time. This report is included as Attachment # 9.
7. L.Wiley provided the report of the Student Activities Committee for that committee's chair, J. Hummel. B. Derrick indicated that J. Brignati does not head the committee of the Senate concerning bulletin boards on campus and that the committee makes these decisions. This report is included as Attachment # 10.
8. A. Brovey gave the report of the Senate Technology Committee. He reported that the initial meetings of this committee focused on issues related to the Faculty Handbook while meetings later in the year focused on topics such as the student technology fee, security and faculty use of the Banner system and technology planning at VSU. The entire report is included as Attachment # 11.
9. General Discussion - L. Levy thanked members of the Senate for their cooperation shown to him during the year in his role as acting VPAA. He stated that he looked forward to working with them during the summer. He also expressed his appreciation to particular members of the Senate who provided him with support and advice during the year.

10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

Corrected passage from Item 6 in the February 15, 2001 minutes. The corrected portion is printed in italics.

6. The tree policy from the Environmental Issues Committee – B. Derrick thanked R. Hull for making room on the agenda for discussion of the policy. She referred to the policy that was distributed as the senators entered the meeting and stated that it was not the correct version. She distributed to a different policy that was more definitive in nature. This policy is a modification of the policy adopted by the Senate in 1993. Some editing was done a year ago to reflect the way the policy was being handled on campus. In Section III, “should be” was deleted from the first sentence to reflect that special zones have been established on campus, rather than that they should be established. Section VI specifically identifies the Campus Beautification and Stewardship Committee as a sub-committee of the Environmental Issues Committee. This section also emphasizes the importance of early consultation with the sub-committee as projects are beginning to develop on campus. Section VII is new to the document and puts in writing what has become the expected practice on campus. B. Derrick stated that she would re-visit this section. Section VIII has been stricken from the document per Dr. Bailey’s request and the committee’s concurrence. Referring back to Section VII, B. Derrick stated that some language needed to be changed to be in agreement with Dr. Bailey, the committee, and the Board of Regents. She stated that she was placing the document on the floor for approval and R. Hull asked for any discussion. B. Derrick initiated discussion by distributing another handout reflecting the changes to Section VII of the tree policy. J. Elza made a motion for approval of the handout as a friendly amendment. With a motion and a second, R. Hull asked for discussion. C. Coons asked if changing the language in the document to “urge the Board of Regents” would make them comply with the wishes of the VSU faculty. B. Caster stated that because faculty has no power over the Board of Regents, writing the policy urging them to comply would be a positive change. F. Smith asked if the wording could be changed to “recommend and urge.” S. Thomas referred to the part of Section VI that mandated that the committee be invited and asked if it was intended to be a mandate. **After a motion and a second, the policy with the change in wording from Dr. Elza’s motion was approved.**