



FACULTY SENATE

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Chairman Ronald M. Zaccari	Vice Chairman Louis Levy	Executive Secretary David Boyd	Parliamentarian Mike Meacham
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Minutes of October 17, 2002

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of the University Center. Members present were:

R.M. Zaccari, President
 L. Levy, Vice President, Academic Affairs
 D. Boyd, Executive Secretary
 M. Meacham, Parliamentarian

Ex-Officio Senators:

J. Black (absent)	K. Keppler
C. Harmon (proxy P. Allen)	J. Gaston
S. Gravett (absent)	T. Reed
K. Stanley (absent)	M.A. Reichenbach
E. Clark (proxy G. Gaumond)	P. Allen
G. Gaumond	N. Argyle (proxy J. Elza)
M. Giddings	

College of the Arts:

F. Barnas (proxy E. Nielsen)	M. Eaves
M. Savoie (proxy M. Eaves)	M. Schmidt
J. Hornsby (absent)	L. Indergaard
E. Nielsen	C. Brague

College Of Arts and Sciences:

T. Manning	B. Bergstrom	B. Derrick	J. Elza
C. Hand	M. Laughlin (absent)	M. Richard	D. Robinson
E. Sheeley	V. Soady (proxy B. Derrick)	T. Thompson	K. Rumstay
J. Samaras	D. Boyd	S. Childs	J. Kinney
J. LaPlant	M. Stoltfus	B. Adler	C. Johnson
C. Meyers	E. Whiting	T. Meyers (proxy C. Meyers)	

College Of Business Administration:

M. Holland	A. Reddy	F. Ware	R. Allen	P. Fadil
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College of Education:

L. Carter	G. Langford	A. Recesso	F. Smith
L. Moore	S. Andrews	A. Brovey	R. Hull
M. Maina	J. Siegrist	D. Briihl	D. Judd
T. Enloe	K. McCurdy (proxy L. Carter)	B. Johnston	S. Worth
I. Ellis (proxy S. Andrews)	E. Dodd (proxy T. Enloe)	K. Hinkle	

College Of Nursing:

L. Floyd

D. Ebron

D. Weaver

Division Of Social Work:

M. Meacham

Odum Library:

K. Smith

M. Puffer-Rothenberg

Student Senator (non-voting)

President of the SGA: C. Guined

Student appointed by SGA President:

Visitors:

Marsha Krotseng – Chief Planning Officer

Sue Lampert - COSA

1. Call to order – R. Zaccari opened the meeting announcing the following: Confirmation from the Board of Regents for a grant for \$239, 730 for improving VSU campus facilities. All of this grant money must be spent by October 10, 2003. The planning process is moving along . 118 letters have been sent inviting participants to serve on the eight planning committees. Bob DeLong of Plant Operations has been assigned to investigate every facility on campus and give a complete project needs over the next 5 years of each of our facilities.
Turned the chair over to the executive secretary.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2002, meeting of the Faculty Senate – The minutes were approved.**
3. Unfinished business – There was no unfinished business.
4. New business
 - a. Report from the Academic Committee – L. Levy stated there was no report.
 - b. Report from the Committee on Committees – L. Indergaard gave shortened versions of the report. The full report is included as Attachment #1. Asked if Senators would check the web page for corrections , especially on terms – contact him today or via e-mail with corrections.
 - c. Report from the Institutional Planning Committee – J. Siegrist gave the report This report is included as Attachment #2.
 - d. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee – S. Andrews gave the report. This report is included as Attachment #3.
 - e. Report from the Faculty Grievance Committee – M. Richard for C. Hand stated that there was no report.
 - f. Report from the Senate Executive Secretary -- David Boyd
 - i. Report from Marsha Krotseng, Chief Planning Officer. M. Krotseng thanked faculty members for their impressive response to the call for volunteers for strategic planning committees. The strategic planning process is moving ahead quickly. Letters of appointment to the committees have been mailed, and meetings will be scheduled before the middle of November. Input from these committees will be highly important to the University Planning Council, which will be appointed in the near future. A strategic planning website is being established, and the University community will be notified of the address as soon as this is available. The site also will provide

information related to the other four planning components – the budget plan, the master plan, the facilities plan, and the external plan.

- ii. **Report from the Bylaws Amendment Committee** (Donna Ebron, Tom Manning, and Louis Levy) T. Manning gave the report. regarding Faculty Senate Absentee Policy, this report is included as Attachment #4. The amendment would allow a Senator to have two (2) proxy votes per year and miss one meeting without being removed from the term of office. B. Derrick noted that no article, section, or place, has been specified for this proposed amendment to appear in the Bylaws. She also noted that the removal of an Elected Senator may require a Statutory change. She asked that the committee consider whether or not this should be an amendment to the Statutes instead of to the Bylaws. She moved to post-pone the vote until the November meeting when a more formalized document could be presented, T. Thompson seconded the motion, **the motion was approved**
 - iii. At the September Senate meeting, Theresa Thompson shared a concern from one of her colleagues concerning privacy issues relating to Health Benefit Plans (in particular, the PPO plan). The Faculty Affairs Committee has been asked to explore this matter, and report on their findings to the Senate.
 - iv. A request that VSU adopt a nondiscriminatory policy for gays and lesbians has been remanded to the Minority & Diversity Affairs Committee.
5. General Discussion - B. Bergstrom stated a colleague asked him to bring up mid-term grading policy on Banner. He questioned why faculty can no longer assign a grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. He also asked if data from the mid-term grade reporting was used as a tracking system and if it was possible to have the option of assigning a P or F.
- J. Samaras stated a colleague asked him to bring up the fact that there was no provision for family membership at the Rec. Center. T. Manning states he does not think children should be able to use the Rec. Center. T. Thompson stated no one under 17 was allowed in the Rec. Center. K. Keppler stated anyone over 17 of age may come to the Rec. Center as a one-time guest. Also stated that there needs to be one year of data collected showing usage of members.
- C. Hand asked if Faculty Senate has ever addressed the 10 minutes between class schedules, which causes students to be late for class. He also questioned the clocks on campus not all being set to the same time. P. Fadil stated students attending classes on North Campus are also late for class. J. Elza stated the scheduling committee did look at staggering classes. D. Boyd stated this matter would be sent to the scheduling committee.
6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.