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Memorandum

To President Hugh Bailey
From David Boyd, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate
Date July 3, 2000
Subject 2000 Annual Report of the Faculty Senate

In each Senate meeting of the academic year 1999-2000, the minutes of the previous Senate meeting and the minutes of the Academic Committee were presented and approved, with no more than minor corrections. In addition, there were several major items presented for discussion to the Senate. The following is presented as a summary of those major activities of the Faculty Senate during the academic year 1999-2000:

1. Approved academic schedules for the Spring 2000, Summer 2000, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Summer 2001, and Fall 2001 semesters. These calendars were developed and presented by the Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee.
2. Instituted the Technology Committee as a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. An ad hoc committee of the Faculty Senate developed this amendment to the VSU Faculty Senate Bylaws.
3. Approved a change in the GPA requirements for graduation with honors, effective Fall semester 2000. The Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee developed this proposal.
4. Set a five-credit-hour limit for students enrolled in the Summer I session (May-mester). The Educational Policies Committee developed this policy.
5. Approved a revised mission statement for VSU. The Institutional Planning Committee presented this revision.

6. Approved a change in the policy for granting academic credit for internships. The Educational Policies Committee developed this proposal.
7. Approved a change in the GPA requirements and minimum number of hours needed for inclusion on the Dean's list, effective Fall semester 2000. The Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee developed this proposal.
8. The Educational Policies Committee presented a Grade Appeal Form, but this item was tabled after considerable discussion.

There was significant discussion on several items, which did not result in formal action by the Senate. These items are listed here:

1. The Athletic Committee responded to a request that a non-sexist alternative name be found for the group of students who aid the Athletic Department. This group had become known as "The Blazer Girls." The Athletic Committee reported that the Athletic Department has discarded that name for the group.
2. A request to check on the feasibility of using something other than the Social Security Number for identification purposes. Mr. Tom Archibald and Mr. Jerry Wright provided a response from the Administrative point of view.
3. The removal of old-growth pine trees on the site of the new Biology Chemistry building, which had been previously marked for preservation. The policy requiring consultation with the Campus Beautification Committee before trees are removed was not followed in this case.

The actions of the Faculty Senate during the academic year 1999-2000 are indicative of the value of the *system of self-governance* prologue to the Mission Statement of the Valdosta State University.

The Faculty Senate was scheduled to convene seven times during the academic year 1999-2000. However, the June 15, 2000, meeting was not convened due to lack of a quorum. It is evident that many of the Senate committees were very active. Many of them have items that have been remanded to them, which they should address during the academic year 2000-2001. Each Standing Committee has published its own annual report. Some of these annual reports were published with the minutes of the March 2000 and April 2000 Faculty Senate meetings as cross-referenced in the table below:

Committee Annual Report	Committee Chairman	Location in minutes
Academic Honors and Scholarships	Dr. Sudhir Goel	March 16, 2000
Academic Scheduling and Procedures	Prof. Michelle Garber	March 16, 2000
Athletics	Dr. Kelly Wells	March 16, 2000
Educational Policies	Dr. John Hiers	March 16, 2000
Environmental Issues	Dr. Al Gibbs	March 16, 2000
Faculty Development and Research	Dr. Rusty McClung	April 20, 2000
Library Affairs	Dr. Marti Venn	April 20, 2000
Minority and Diversity Affairs	Dr. Robert Hull	April 20, 2000
Student Activities	Dr. John Wilkerson	April 20, 2000
Student Services	Dr. Hil Harper	no report

cc: All Faculty (per Faculty Senate Statutes, Chapter 4, Article III, Section 3.a.4)