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Faculty Senate

October 19, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Meeting link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_YmFhMzFkMTItZDI0ZC00ZmMwLTljZjYtMWJhNDdhY2Y3NjQ3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2225a5d340-8abc-4053-b4bd-dc1213280353%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ed01223e-81c6-499d-9dd2-b15b61a1dbf6%22%7d

Attendance link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UD5G62Zywm>

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- 1) Call to Order – Ben Harper
- 2) Reading of proxies

6) **Resolution honoring Jane Elza and Steve Kohn** (Attachment D) – Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Meeting minutes from committees should be sent to fsec@valdosta.edu **AND** to

Reports and agenda items due to president (bgharper@valdosta.edu): October 26

At the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (fsec@valdosta.edu) any actions sent to the president (bgharper@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 attached as Word documents.

Proxies sent to secretary (ekostopolus@valdosta.edu): November 9

Next Faculty Senate meeting: November 16, 3:30 p.m.

Attachment A

Guidance for Online Meetings

During this exceptional time, all Faculty Senate meetings will be held online using Microsoft Teams.

Senate Calendar 2023-2024

Updated 9/13/2023

Item



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Faculty Senate

September 21, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Meeting link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OGM1NjY2OGItNTZIMy00NDgyLWExMTItNDM2YjY1OThjM2Rm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%2225a5d340-8abc-4053-b4bd-dc1213280353%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ed01223e-81c6-499d-9dd2-b15b61a1dbf6%22%7d

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- 1) Call to Order – Ben Harper
- 2) Reading of proxies obtained prior to the meeting and request of proxies for those not given from Senators in attendance – Emma Kostopolus
 - a) Kathy Nobles for Susan Michele Blankenship
 - b) Please send an email to Emma Kostopolus (ekostopolus@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 17, 2023, meeting of the Faculty Senate.**
 - a) See link here for minutes for all Faculty Senate meetings:
<https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php>
 - b) Motion: Seconded: Kathy Nobles; All in favor

4) President's Report – Ben Harper

At our Executive committee meeting a couple weeks ago, we were reviewing bylaws and noticed a couple things and thought through some ways to make things be a little more smooth throughout the meeting. Theoretically, you may not be able to unmute yourself just because of the settings of the meeting have been

I also want to offer a thank you for everything that has happened related to the hurricane response. So when you have a worked in 133 year Storm, it's pretty bad and it clearly has been for our community. Obviously, the impact that the on the university with us shutting down for a week, losing over 200 trees, multiple power, air conditioning and water issues, we had damage to some buildings. It's been significant. I know for some members of our faculty. You too have also had significant damage at home. And of course, all of you were dealing with power outages on the light, and I want to thank you for everything you have been doing to try to help our students through this.

I know this is a very, very stressful time for them, particularly the loss of of a week of learning and then trying to catch up.

I know that doesn't just happen.

You all are having to put in the work in order to try to figure out how to capture that learning loss and make up for it.

And and I appreciate very much you doing that.

I appreciate you working with our students to try to help them manage through that as they deal with their own stresses of both both hurricane recovery and then just trying to catch up in with the learning loss.

Beyond that, we're clearly working very hard on VSU 2030.

Everyone who's been the complication or heard me speak recently has heard me talk about that.

There are several members of this group that are part of the University council, plus expanded group that is working very closely now on on helping to lead that project.

All of you were received a couple o

And we had a discussion good discussion with the Danes during Dean's Council yesterday on how they can work with you all to alleviate some of that anxiety and in providing support or defining some workload guidelines,

This is not a new conversation, Linda.

The storm didn't didn't teach us that we had a problem with HC HVAC could probably.

Reminded us in a in a bigger way what an issue it was for those of you who had were in buildings that had air conditioning issues and and you know that some of your view we didn't come back because you're building was not air conditioned.

We had four academic buildings go down with portions of the library go down.

This was an issue across the institution and in both main campus and North campus.

It was once the shutdown happened and we had lost power and we powered things back up.

Then we started having issues.

Maybe some of you have had that at your home.

I did.that that that happens sometimes when you've had an extended shutdown, but it happens more when you have aged equipment as we do.

We use someone time money at the end of last year to try to begin addressing that.

We had some residence hall issues.

We saw that over the summer where again we had to jump into some of our deferred accounts etcetera that are set up for emergencies.

But just as we were starting school, you may know that we lost a some some error handling ability that affected our residence halls.

Fine Arts and other places, and so it ended up.

Not really affecting our academic side because we got it handled before classes started, but it absolutely impacted our residence halls because they went down, as I recall, the day before movement was scheduled.

So this is absolutely an issue that that we know is is a big challenge.

We have tried to educate the board about that.

We're not alone in this.

We've actually seen some movement at the board level where you're seeing some institutions be able to ask for targeted state resources to address aging infrastructure like that.

And so we've made, we've put out a list to the system that tells them what our needs are, have requested some of that assistance, will continue to do that.

And then we'll continue to use targeted one time money at the end of each year so that we can begin addressing it on our own even before the state comes in.

With some assistance, it's a big issue.

There's no question and we just can't and you know, you kind of wonder how the heck did it happen right before

6) **Resolution honoring Jimmy Ray Napier, Jr.** (Attachment D) – Faculty Senate Executive Committee

a) Motion to approve – Clell Wright; Second Gwen Ruttencutter

b) Discussion

- Meagan Wood Hopkins -- Is this something that we are going to do for every student or faculty member that dies from here on out?
- Ben Harper -- It is my intention as President to do this, at least for the academic year, for both students, faculty, staff, anyone related to the university community as a way to extend.

C) Resolution passes – All in favor

7) Permanent Committee Reports

a) Academic Committee (fs-stat-81024610.408425710098247691240854.84107(d)Tj327D)104d((

but in addition to those meeting minutes, I just wanted to share a little bit of information.

From Brad Bergstrom, who is the subcommittee chair of campus beautification.

So in regards to the hurricane and all the tree, you know the trees that were and it took a hit.

He mentioned to me to share that he has had some online meetings with plan operations and grounds personnel about all the downed trees and the clean up, and he is anticipating calling a meeting to discuss an after action report in the near future.

From what I understand, he hasn't received an accounting of all the trees that that we lost on campus.

He did have one anecdote to relate to everyone, which is that we did lose one of our oldest trees on campus, which was a Sentinel as it stood near the corner of Georgia Ave and Patterson St it was a long leaf pine, which he says we believe to be about 275 years old.

It was probably one of the five oldest longleaf Pines and what we call the Heritage Grove runs along Georgia Ave between Patterson and Oak Street.

The others seem to have survived the storm, and there's actually one out there that's even older than than that one.

And and he also mentioned that Doctor Carter's dendrology students are working on a more precise determination of its age.

And he said, even sadder, sadder about that particular tree is that it it actually did not uproot or fall in the wind.

It was cracked by a huge flying projectile.

A big chunk of a nearby red oak broke off and was driven into the crown of that pine, snapping it, and just finally that, you know, the close to that particular pine tree, there was one that had died of pine beetles in 2007, and it was had it had been determined to be 300 years old.

And that was sixteen years ago.

And so he just, you know, this was the reason that we call this the heritage Grove.

It predates the founding of the United States and even the colony of Georgia.

So just pretty remarkable, I wanted to share that information with you.

- f) Faculty Scholarship (fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu) – Sebastian Bartos; New process forthcoming for reviewing applications, but faculty should be made aware that funds are soon to be depleted for this semester, so apply soon.
- g) Internationalization and Globalization (fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu) – Liz Heath; first meeting next Monday.
- h) Library Affairs (fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu)

Attachments

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Hanae Kanno	Education and Human Services
Carol Glen	Humanities and Social Sciences
Mallory Lane	Nursing and Health Sciences
Shantanu Chakraborty	Science and Mathematics
Taewon Hwang	Business Administration

Resolution Honoring Dr. Jane Elza

Resolution Honoring Dr. Steve Kohn

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 2, 2023

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the STEAM Center, Monday, October 2, 2023. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Joshua Pifer, Dr. Carol Glen, Dr. Kelly Mathis (Proxy Dr. Michele Blankenship

Visitors Present: Dr. Paul Vincent, and Dr. Andreas Lazari.

The Minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting were approved by email on April 14, 2023. (pages

A. College of Education and Human Services

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1. New course, Elementary Education (ELED) 2501, "Survey of Science Standards for Elementary Education", (SURVEY OF ELED SCIENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hour, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2023 with the description changed to read ...breadth of fundamental scientific concepts... . (pages 3-4).

B. College of Nursing and Health Sciences

1. Deactivation of HSEP 7000, 7010, 7020, 7060, 7950, 7999, 6050, 6060, 7100, 7200 and 7400 was

**VSU Faculty Senate
Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes & Agenda
October 4, 2023**

1. Welcome

Dr. Denise “Laverne” Hill began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests to the first meeting of the Educational Policies Committee for 2023-2024 and reviewed the agenda.

2. Scheduled Meetings

This committee will not need to have regularly scheduled meetings. We will convene when relevant topics are directed to the committee for review.

3. Annual Report form 2022-2023 – No activities

There were no issues discussed last year in the committee.

4. Old Business the bylaws in the next

will report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on our decision
existing bylawl provided a summary of USG’s remote proctoring guidance along with the
. Presently, VSU does not have a remote proctoring policy, therefore
ected a group of faculty and staff to create appropriate guidelines to

om the proposed guidelines: (1)

technology occur; and (4) the appendices comprise the core recommendations for remote test taking.

