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Forrest Parker
**Vice President/
President Elect**

Emma Kostopolus
Secretary

Ian Andersen
Parliamentarian

Chunlei Liu
Past President

Faculty Senate

August 17, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

Meeting link:

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

Items in **bold print** are items that require action by the Faculty Senate. Other items are for information only.

- 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) 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 April 20, 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>
- 4) President's Report – Ben Harper
- 5) Updates from the Office of the President and Academic Affairs – Dr. Richard Carvajal and Dr. Sheri Noviello

6) Academic Advising Updates – Dr. Vince Miller and Dr. Alicia Roberson

7) Recruiting and Retention Updates – Dr. Vince Miller and Gary Bush

Meeting minutes from committees should be sent to fsec@valdosta.edu **AND** to archives@valdosta.edu with “Archives Faculty Senate Papers” in the subject line. Please label minutes documents as shown in the following examples:

Technology_Minutes_04-29-2022

Academic_Honors_and_Scholarship_Minutes_08-28-2021

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8) Permanent Committee Reports

a) Academic Committee (fs-stat-ac@valdosta.edu) – Sheri Gravett; Find agendas and minutes here: <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>

b) Committee on Committees (fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu) – Luis Gonzales

c) Faculty Affairs (fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu) – Javian Brabham

d) Faculty Grievance Committee (fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu) – John Dunn

9) Standing Committee Reports

a) Academic Honors & Scholarships (fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu) – Karen Terry

b) Academic Scheduling & Procedures (fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu) – Ian Andersen

c) Athletic Committee (fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu) – Kathy Nobles

d) Diversity and Equity Committee (fs-stand-dec@valdosta.edu) – JT Cox

e) Educational Policies (fs-stand-ep@valdosta.edu) – Laverne Hill

f) Environmental Issues (fs-stand-ei@valdosta.edu) – Shelley Yankovsky

g) Faculty Scholarship (fs-stand-fs@valdosta.edu) – Sebastian Bartos

h) Internationalization and Globalization (fs-stand-igc@valdosta.edu) – Liz Heath

i) Library Affairs (fs-stand-la@valdosta.edu) – Jessica Lee

j) Student Affairs (fs-stand-sa@valdosta.edu) – Nathan Moates

k) Technology Committee (fs-stand-tc@valdosta.edu) – Changwoo Yang

10) General Discussion

11) Adjournment

Reports and agenda items due to president (bgharper@valdosta.edu): August 31

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): September 14

Next Faculty Senate meeting: September 21, 3:30 p.m.

Attachments

- A. Guidance for Online Meetings
- B. Faculty Senate Calendar 2023-2024
- C. Minutes of the April 20, 2023, meeting of the Faculty Senate
- D. Faculty Senate Committee Rosters as of August 10, 2023

Attachment A

Guidance for Online Meetings

During this exceptional time, all Faculty Senate meetings will be held online using Microsoft Teams. The information to connect will be sent over email. This is an open meeting.

To access the meeting easily, use the TEAMS link found in the email containing the agenda or through your calendar link (Outlook).

Attachment B



Senate Calendar 2023- 2024
Updated 8/9/2023

Item	Responsibility	
Executive Committee meeting	–	First Thursday of the month
Email agenda to faculty	Vice President	Second Thursday of the month
Executive Committee meeting with VSU President and Provost	–	Monthly
Faculty Senate meeting	–	Third Thursday of the month
Items to VSU President for approval	President	One week after Senate meeting

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Reports and agenda items	Jul 27	Aug 31	Sep 28	Oct 26	Dec 28	Jan 25	Feb 29	Mar 28
Agenda sent to FSEC	Aug 2	Sep 6	Oct 4	Nov 1	Jan 3	Jan 31	Mar 6	Apr 3
FSEC meeting	Aug 3	Sep 7	Oct 5	Nov 2	Feb 8			
							Mar 7	Apr 11

Senate meeting	Aug 17	Sep 21	Oct 19	Nov 16	Jan 18	Feb 15	Mar 21	Apr 18
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Items to VSU
President

Attachment C

Chunlei Liu

Mallory Lane

Note: Please send an email to Mallory Lane (bmbarmore@valdosta.edu)

recommendation. That recommendation then was forwarded up to the Board of Regents and at their meeting this week again.

- They also voted unanimously to approve that recommendation, so as a result, on May 6th, Mr. Jerry Janette, and that's a name that means something to many of you will receive an honorary Dr. of Arts and letters from VSU, the first such degree in the history of the institution. If you don't know Jerry and his wife, Kay, I will just tell you they've had a 50-year committed relationship with this university. They've helped with a huge number of scholarships, including our Jeanette Scholars program. They have helped with the salaries, including giving a major gift to help us do the Performing Arts Center that we're building now, they've helped with the arts, they've helped with athletics, study abroad, and the list goes on and on. You may not know, but here he's had a 50-year relationship, but Jerry is not a VSU grad. Well, he takes classes in the College of the Arts because he sings in the VSU choir. He is a proud University of Kansas Jayhawk. But I'm excited that it is officially time to make him a blazer. And we will do that and May 6th at our commencement.
- I've been really thrilled to get a chance as I do every year to read the tenure and promotion packets and letters have been going out for those a week from today and I congratulate all of this year's recipients of both promotion and tenure. We always know it takes an extra special step for those who are granted tenure and host a reception for them and their guests to honor what it takes to get to get tenure and to go through that process. That reception will happen a week from today. I'm looking forward to honoring this year's 10-year recipients, that will certainly be an exciting time and then the last thing, I simply wanted to thank the officers that we have had this year.
- I think you all have done a phenomenal job. Obviously everything since COVID has been more challenging and several of you have served in officer capacities. You know during those last few years everybody's done a great job. This year's group has definitely done a great job. I'm certainly grateful to their leadership and I want to in advance thank the new group who will be elected today and I look forward to working with you all and getting to know you better. It's going to be great. Exciting as we get to work together and get to know each other. And I thank you for your willingness to dive in and help the issue

Dr. Smith-

- I think you all know you've heard us talk about this a few times. We've been going through this process of program prioritization. We also look at programs regularly through comprehensive program review. Some of those are leading to deactivations of programs. We're also seeing a significant number of programs that are reorganizing. In some cases, they're revamping the programs to take advantage of some economies by working with other closely related programs and all for the purpose of reducing costs.

- Measured year over year up 12% for summer and up a whopping 20% for fall and that's due to a lot of you. I know processing graduate applications more rapidly, some improvements in the software that we're using and I want to mention E degree as well for summer, it's trending up 46% year over year and for fall it is trending up 157%. Which is a real testament to the individuals teaching in those programs and running those programs. And with that, the President and I would be happy to answer questions on any of these things or anything at all.
- Mary R. Block
In Florida is, you know, they're having a bit of a crisis in higher education and one in five students coming out of high school in Florida plan to go to schools outside of Florida. One in 20 students who are enrolled in Florida colleges now plan to transfer out. So I'm wondering if you don't have a big massive ad buy in the state of Florida so that we can catch some of those students since they can pay in state tuition.
- Richard Carvajal
Yeah. So that's a great point. Uh, it's really interesting. I obviously if you don't know this, the I'll make sure you know it, course we get we are able to offer in state tuition to all of our border states including Florida that has made us a significant draw in fact we are the largest beneficiary in the university system of the border state waiver ability and with by far the biggest impact for us being in Florida we've got we've got about 2000 students to stoically that have been coming to us.
I think you know we've been doing a pretty significant overhaul of our marketing communications effort. And as part of that, I think we've improved the advertising that we're doing as well as the ability to be strategic with how we spend our advertising dollars. And we're certainly trying to spend that in ways including what you're talking about here to focus on areas where we see we have potential. Quite interestingly, we do have admissions counselors that are assigned by zone.

5. Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures Vote – Sheri Gravett and Michele Blankenship
- a. Attachment B: Proposed Updates to VSU’s Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures
 - b. Motion to approve- AJ Ramirez motion, Lynn Crump Seconded Ericka Parra- Opposed, Jack Lockhart- abstain

6. Old & Unfinished Business

a. Statutory Committee Reports

- i. Academic Committee (fs-stat-ac@valdosta.edu) – Sheri Gravett; Find agendas and minutes here: final meeting this month, the deactivation for philosophy and religious studies sent to system office, approval in the core curriculum.

Shani Wilfred spoke on core requirements, Thank you, Sherry. Good afternoon, everyone. So as a very brief overview in the in the fall of the General Education Council was given a charge by the Provost to look at ways in which we could look at our core curriculum here at VSU.

- Want to revise it so that it provided students with a greater opportunity to be engaged in the core to understand the purpose of the core and also to be engaged in there.
- So what the General Education Council did was we, and I should say the caveat for in I8a <<rr(h3.d, (i)0hos)-1 (do y(w)1ou1)1 (e,ee)-3uc ITj Ere of 5 0 Td0 Td (sys gr')]TJ [go(ede

then have the opportunity to take those non lab courses and so that means the departments are going to have to look at what's being offered and make sure that there are sufficient non lab courses for those non stem majors there. And again we had that conversation with the College of Science and Math Executive Committee so that that question and the understanding of that has at least been raised and as being explored. But going to this, yes, we're going to have to make sure that students are able to get the types of courses they need to be able to complete the degree

<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>

- ii. Committee on Committees (fs-stat-coco@valdosta.edu) – Emma Kostopolus- no report
 - iii. Faculty Affairs (fs-stat-fa@valdosta.edu) – Xiaoi Ren- no report
 - iv. Faculty Grievance Committee (fs-stat-fgc@valdosta.edu) – Mary Block- no report
- b. Meeting minutes from the various committees should be sent to fsec@valdosta.edu AND to archives@valdosta.edu with “Archives Faculty Senate Papers” in the subject line. Please label minutes documents as shown in the following examples:
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7. New Business

- a. Standing Committee Reports:
- i. Academic Honors & Scholarships (fs-stand-ahs@valdosta.edu) – Lindsay Godin, we interviewed for the Annie Poe Hopper, we chose a winner, the chair elect and I haven been preparing for the honors dinner next week
 - ii. Academic Scheduling & Procedures (fs-stand-asp@valdosta.edu) – Yakov Woldman • Attachment C: Vote to permanently move the deadline for final grade submission. Approve 43 Oppose - 0 Abstain-0 • Attachment C: Vote on Academic Calendar changes due to the Juneteent h holiday. Approve 44 Oppose- 0 Abstain-0
 - iii. Athletic Committee (fs-stand-ac@valdosta.edu) – Kyoung-Im Park- discussed for SAAS awards with 10 nominees and all will be recognized on 4/26, Coach Reinhardt spoke on challenges of monetary restrictions, the budgets reductions is impacting students, the main

8. Committee Annual Reports: Each committee chair please write an annual report to summarize the activities and achievements of your committee and submit to fsec@valdosta.edu by Friday, April 28, 2023 using the following annual report template:

- a. <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/documents/annual-reportform-2017.docx>

9. Executive Committee 2023- 2024 Elections

- i. Vice President/President Elect: Forrest Parker
- ii. Parliamentarian: Ian Andersen
- iii. Secretary: Emma Kostopolus Approve- 41 Oppose-0 Abstain- 0

10. General Discussion

- a. Kelly Davidson with AAUP elected Fred Knowles, it is an open meeting, hope to have the state chapter president visit.
- b. A.J. Ramirez- was on the P&T committee, the new principle lecture and promotional pay bumps, and the recommendations; would like to discuss more equitable pay bumps in the different positions and that those that are promoting are receiving appropriate increases, would like to bring this up for discussion in the fall.

11. Adjournment

Motioned- AJ Ramirez, 2nd-Yunseon Choi

Attachment D
Faculty Senate 2022-2023

8/17/22

Executive Committee

Faculty Senators
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2023-2024	2019-2023
2023-2024	
2023-2024	2021-2024
2023-2024	2022-2025

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Faculty Senate 2022-2023
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Faculty Scholarship
Past President (2022-2023)
Academic; Committee on Committees

2022-2025**
2023-2026
2021-2024**
2021-2024

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Faculty Senate 2022-2023

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2023-2026

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Committee on Committees

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Educational Policies

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2021-2024**

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President (2022-2023)

2021-2024**

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Library Affairs
Committee on Committees

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2022-2025

CE

2023-2026

Budget Advisory Council: IPC

Michael Baun

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2022-2023

Dining Advisory Committee (senator)

Parking Advisory Committee (senator)

Retirees Association Representative (non-

Council on Staff Affairs (non-voting):

Chair of COSA:

Person appointed by COSA President:

Student Senators (non- voting)

President of the SGA:

2022-2023

Student appointed by SGA President:

Abbreviations

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Faculty Senators

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Senate Term

President

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Faculty Senate Committees

2023-2024

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CHSS AJ Ramirez
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PC Sen 2022-2025
 Sen 2023-2026

Faculty Senate Committees

2023-2024

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SGA Josmar Reyes josreyes@valdosta.edu 2022-2025

Educational Policies Committee

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CHSS	Zachary Karazsia	zkarazsia@valdosta.edu	CE	Sen	2022-2025
COEHS	Laverne Hill	denhill@valdosta.edu	C	Sen	2022-2025
COSM	Can Denizman	cdenizma@valdosta.edu	PC	Sen	2021-2024
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Campus Recreation

COSA

SGA

SGA

Subcommittees

Financial Aid Subcommittee

Chair elect of the Student Affairs Committee will serve as the Chair of the Student Financial Aid Subcommittee

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COA

Abbreviations

* finish unexpired term

PC = Past Chair

** elected to second term

C = Chair

CC = Co-Chair

CE = Chair Elect

Faculty Senate and Committee Openings
 Spring 2023 Elections

COA	CHSS	COEHS
J. Brabham	Michael Baun	H. Cackmackci
J. Culverhouse	Brandon Atkins	H. Kanno
Lindsey Godin	Emma Kostopolus	X. Ren
Duke Guthrie		G. Ruttencutter
Clell Wright		

**ending 2nd term, can't be re-elected

Committee	COA	CHSS	COEHS
Academic	T. Crane	D. Briihl	
Faculty Affairs	M. Porterfield		
Faculty Grievance	T. Hardesty		M. Laughlin

Committee	COA	CHSS	COEHS
Academic Honors & Scholarship	S. Arnett		M. Bochenko
Academic Scheduling and Procedures		N. Banerjee	L. Hill
Athletic		M.D. Lovett	E. Asola

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elected (current faculty in the seats)			
CONHS	COSM	LCOBA	LIB
M. Blankenship	Y. Waldman	L. Crump	
L. Bellflowers	B. Ring	A. Cseh	
	C. Denizman	T. Royle	
	C. Liu		
	T. Manning		

current faculty in the seats)			
CONHS	COSM	LCOBA	LIB
B. Williams	R. Mihail	K. Mathis	T. Ray
K. Parker	L. Focsan		
	A. Lazari		G. Frost

current faculty in the seats)			
CONHS	COSM	LCOBA	LIB
	A. Safer	N. Swanson	
	J. Nienow		
		I. Kardes	
D. Wilson-Vickers			R. Taylor
S.M. Blankenship	C. Liu AND T. Salami		
	B. Bergstrom	S. Ostapski	
	J. Velez		
L. Lowe	G. Sreenilyam AND A. Lazari		J. Lee
	S. Chakraborty	C. Crews	
	B. Quarles	L. Jones	T. Ray
	J. Mohammed-Awel	C. Crews	S. Paul

K. James

C. Bowers