

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 9, 2024

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, September 9, 2024. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Shaun Ault, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Ms. Samantah Paul, Dr. Laurel Yu, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Dr. Kristy Litster, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Colette Drouillard (Proxy for Ms. Caitlyn Register), Dr. R Paul Mihail, Dr. Jim Nienow, Dr. Kelly Mathis, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Samantha Paul (Proxy for Ms. Tera Ray).

Members Absent: Dr. Joshua Pifer, Dr. Carol Glenn, Ms. Alene Dasher, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fred Knowles, Ms. Catlyn Register, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. Luis Gonzalez and Ms. Tera Ray.

Catalog Editor: Dr. Emma Kostopolus

Visitors Present: Dr. Theresa Grove, Dr. B. Jay Rickman, Dr. Michael Black, and Dr. Ofelia Nikolova.

The Minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting were approved by email on April 12, 2024. (pages 1-3).

A. College of Science and Mathematics

1. Revised catalog narrative for the College of Science and Mathematics approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 4-8).
2. Revised course prerequisites, Biology (BIOL) 4520, “Molecular Biophysics”, (MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 9-10).
3. Revised course prerequisites, Biology (BIOL) 4550, “Immunology”, (IMMUNOLOGY –4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 11-12).

B. College of the Arts

1. Revised degree requirements for the Master of Music Performance was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 13-14).
2. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 5810, “Chambers Singers”, (CHAMBERS SINGERS –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 5 lab hours, and 5 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 15-16).
3. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 5840, “Opera and Musical Theatre”, (OPERA AND MUSICAL THEATRE –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 17-18).
4. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 5850, “Concert Band”, (CONCERT BAND –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 19-20).
5. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 5851, “Wind Ensemble”, (WIND ENSEMBLE –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 4 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 21-22).
6. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 5860, “Orchestra”, (ORCHESTRA –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 23-24).
7. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 5880, “Marching Band”, (MARCHING BAND –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 5 lab hours, and 5 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 25-26).
8. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 5890, “Instrumental Ensembles”, (INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 27-28).
9. Revised course repeat hours and description, Music (MUSC) 6870, “Jazz Combo”, (JAZZ COMBO –1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 29-30).
10. Reactivation, Music (MUSC) 7750, “Advanced Vocal Pedagogy”, (ADV VOCAL PEDAGOGY –1 credit hour, 1 lecture hour, 0

lab hours, and 1 contact hour), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 31-32).

C. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Revised degree requirements and major for the MAT in FLED and ESOL – changed to MAT in World Language with concentration in Spanish, ESOL, and French was approved effective Fall Semester 2024. (pages 33-41).
2. New course, History (HIST) 4600, “Animal Ethics: An Historical Perspective, (ANIMAL ETHICS: HISTORICAL PERS– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025 with the description changed to - Also offered as PHIL 4600. An investigation of the ethics of human-nonhuman relationship and how ethical concerns have been interpreted in various historical periods and regions. Particular attention will be paid to how the ethics of human-nonhuman relationships have varied in different regions of the world, such as in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, as well as changeover historical periods, such as the Industrial Revolution. (pages 42-43).
3. New course, Philosophy (PHIL) 4600, “Animal Ethics: An Historical Perspective, (ANIMAL ETHICS: HISTORICAL PERS– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025 with the description changed to - Also offered as HIST 4600. An investigation of the ethics of human-nonhuman relationship and how ethical concerns have been interpreted in various historical periods and regions. Particular attention will be paid to how the ethics of human-nonhuman relationships have varied in different regions of the world, such as in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, as well as changeover historical periods, such as the Industrial Revolution. (pages 44-45).
4. New course, Religious Studies (REL) 3645, “Alternative World Religions and Medicine, (ALT WORLD REGLIGIONS & MEDICINE– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 46-47).
5. Deactivation of LEAS 1100, 3200, 3201, 3210, 3230, 3250, 4200, 4240, 4250, 4251, 4260, 4270, 4290, 4700, 4800, 4802 and 4900 effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 48-49).
6. Certificate Program – Fundamentals of Political Science was approved (pages 50-51).
7. Certificate Program – Fundamentals of Sociology was approved (pages 52-53).
8. Certificate Program – Fundamentals of History was approved (pages 54-55).
9. Certificate Program – Fundamentals of English was approved (pages 56-57).
10. Certificate Program – Fundamentals of Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures or French Language and Francophone Cultures was approved (pages 58-59)
11. Certificate Program – Fundamentals of Psychology was approved (pages 60-61).

D. Miscellaneous

1. Academic Programs updates were noted (pages 62-65).
2. General definitions and guidance for Degree, Major, Minor, Concentrations, etc. at VSU was noted. (pages 66-74).

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar