



COUNCIL ON STAFF AFFAIRS
Minutes of Tuesday, March 16, 2021

1) Call to order

a) Chair Ashley Cooper called the meeting to order at 9AM on Teams.

2) **Roll call:** All representatives must sign/initial the attendance roster to be counted as present.

a) **Members present:** Darius Anthony, Sue Bailey, Jeanine Boddie-La Van*, Heidi Browning, Ashley Cooper, Danielle Costello, Chris Griggs, Dr. Kelly Davidson*, Angie Gannon, Jennifer Griffin, Julienne Jackson, Obediah Hall, Sheila Hall, Paul Leavy, Matthew McIntyre, Mark McNalley, Jessica Queen, Jennifer Shipaugh, Dr. Terence Sullivan, Adrian Taylor, Jordan Thompson, Dwayne Trouille, Melissa Wolfe*, Hilary Willis, Melissa Zeck.

b) **Guests were:** Dr. Michael Black, Champione Burley, Wendy Byrd, Allison Carr, Dr. Richard Carvajal, Dr. Zduy Chu, Ryan Campen, Beverly Cribbs, Paula Fender, Jamae Flint, Tristan Garcia, Carla Gervin, Ken Gutierrez, Shanika Hezekiah, Brenda Kelley, Yvonne Le Roy-Landers, Matt McGuier, Tara McQueen, Dr. Vince Miller, Kevin Overlaur, Laura Pitts, Justin Sanchez, Sheri Shaw, Lisa Snipes, Sophi Stevens, Brea Thomas, Gracie Thurson, Madison Whitehead, Lee Yarbrough, Kameron Zimmer.

c) **The following members were absent:** Bob Lee*. Please **send a proxy if you cannot attend a meeting.**

3) Communication with Administration

a) Dr. Carvajal reported the following:

- 1) Dr. Carvajal reported that "South Georgia Leads" will be meeting on campus tomorrow. This is an economic development group focused on leadership and economic training for South Georgia. The meeting will occur at the STEAM Center. The organization offers training on these topics and will be housed at our Office for South Georgia Regional Impact.
- 2) The legislative session continues and it looks to be a good year for the USG and VSU. We are increasingly confident in receiving funding for the performing arts center.
- 3) Vaccine distribution is about to ramp up quickly on campus. We have a large supply of doses and hopefully soon, the state will allow all adults to receive vaccinations. Hopefully even students will be largely eligible soon.
- 4) We are in good shape in terms of our COVID preparation plans for fall 2021. The plan is hopefully to return to as close to normal as we can.
- 5) We can celebrate the reaffirmation from SACSCOC last week. We had a great visit with no recommendations for correction and zero issues of non-compliance. Thank you to Dr. Black and his team for a job well done.

4) Special Order of the Day

a) Yvonne Landers updated everyone on the recent USG Listening Circles for the USG Chancellor search that will be taking place soon and thanked everyone who participated in one of the several sessions moderated by Parker Executive Search. If anyone wants more info, you can visit their site.

b) Melissa Wolfe, SGA President, presented the updated withdrawal policy recently approved by SGA. Resolution 21-03 which is an update to Resolution 20-03 requests an increase to allow students to take 10 withdrawals during their career (up from 5 now). The policy would require advisor input after 6 to control for issues related to abuse of the system and graduation and financial aid issues. The system

would implement BANNER flags and pop ups to notify advisors of concerning behavior, e.g. international students dropping below 12 hours/semester. (see attachment)

5) Approval of Minutes

- a) A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Jennifer Griffin and seconded by Danielle Costello. The minutes were approved.

6) Treasurer's Report

- a) Jennifer Griffin gave the March 2021 Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the report was made by Danielle Costello and seconded by Obi Hall. The report was approved unanimously. (see attachment)

7) Report from the Chair

- a) Ashley Cooper updated everyone on the structure of the Parking Appeals committee going forward. The committee met with Jill and Anthony from the department and will reduce the staff members to two in accordance with the committee bylaws.
- b) Ashley updated everyone on the status of several limited term custodial staff working with Housing. CGL Facility Management recently took over management of all USG housing maintenance needs. No full-time staff are affected by changes but 8 part-time limited term staff will not be renewed. However, they will be considered for new positions with CGL. All have met with HR to prepare for the application process.

8) Attendance and Participation

- a) Reminder to send in committee reports before Exec Committee meeting

9) COSA Committee Reports

- a) Policy Committee – Obi Hall – No report.
- b) Elections Committee – Obie Hall reported the following representative openings for FY 22. Two for Academic Affairs and one for the newly established Athletics area. Application forms and information are available on the COSA webpage.
- c) Professional Development Committee – Mark McNalley – No report
- d) Budget & Finance/Fundraising Committee – Jennifer Griffin reported the following.
 - 1) The BBQ fundraising event is open for sales including ribs, Boston butt, sausage and ham. Each item is \$30 and will be available for purchase through March 30. Pick up will take place on Friday, April 2 from 2:30-4:30pm most likely in the University Center Exec Dining Room. 15 items ordered as of today.
 - 2) The next event will likely be a swag basket. Info on this will be coming out soon.
- e) Community Outreach – Paul Leavy – No report
- f) Social Recognition & Publicity – Sheila Hall – No report

10) Faculty Senate Committees

- a) Academic Honors & Scholarship – Angie Gannon reported that 7 students have been nominated for the Annie Powe Hopper award. An announcement about this should be coming out soon.
- b) Academic Scheduling and Procedures – Terence Sullivan – No report
- c) Athletics – Open – No report
- d) Diversity & Equity – Chris Griggs – No report
- e) Educational Policies – Angie Gannon indicated that the committee plans a meeting today to discuss the above-mentioned SGA withdrawal policy proposal.
- f) Environmental Issues – Dwayne Trouille – No report
- g) Faculty Scholarship – Darius Anthony – No report
- h) Faculty Senate – Paul Leavy – No report
- i) Internationalization & Globalization – Jordan Thompson – No report
- j) Library Affairs – Matt McIntyre – No report
- k) Student Affairs – Paul Leavy reported that the committee is continuing its discussion of guidelines for face to face classes/events for fall 2021 in light of COVID.
- l) Technology – Dwayne Trouille – No report

11) University Wide Committees

- a) Budget Advisory Committee – Dwayne Trouille – No report
- b) Campus Safety – Hilary Willis – No report
- c) Campus Wellness – Jordan Thompson reported the following
 - 1) Step challenge – Around the World – ends on March 22, 2021.
 - 2) Self-love and Compassion event was successful and very well attended.
 - 3) Dine and discover event next week on “Stress Less with Exercise”. Meals can be delivered for those wishing to attend virtually.
 - 4) March 26, 2021 from 8:30am to 1:30pm, biometric screenings will be available at the Health Center for free. Appointments are needed and info is coming soon.
- d) Conflict Management – Terence Sullivan – No report
- e) Dining Advisory – Jenni Shinpaugh – No report
- f) Parking Advisory – Jennifer Griffin – No report
- g) Parking Appeals – Paul Leavy – No report
- h) Retiree Association – Julienne Jackson – No report

12) Old Business

- a) Jeanine Boddie-La Van clarified that only paid speakers with direct access to campus are required to successfully complete a background check.

13) New Business

- a) Jenni Shinpaugh announced that there will be a first ever off campus housing fair that will take place on the Palms Quad this afternoon from 1-3pm. About 20 local housing vendors will be on campus to provide information on available options, rates, etc.

14) Adjournment

- a) Sue Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Danielle Costello. Ashley Cooper adjourned the meeting at 10:04am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Terence Sullivan, COSA Secretary 2020-2021

Month of: 03/16/21	Description	Deposits	Expenditures	Current Balance
FUND 10 COSA 1481060				
	Financial Activities			
	Beginning Balance			2,082.00
	COSA Annual Dues		50.00	
	Pending Financial Activities			
(Note: Pending Financial activities are estimated costs only.)				
	Est. Balance after Pending Activities			2,032.00
90109 VSU Foundation - Discretionary				
	Financial Activities			
	Beginning Balance			1,819.09
	Fund raising revenue & Gifts	2719.82		
	Fees		8.15	
	Books		450.00	
	Door contest		100.00	
	Est. Balance after Pending Activities			3,980.76
90303 VSU Fdn - Retirement Walkway				
	Financial Activities			
	Beginning Balance			14,036.23
	Brick Revenue	400.00		
	Brick Expense	351.50		
	Admin Fee		1.00	
	Pending Financial Activities			
	Est. Balance after Pending Activities			14,083.73
90110 VSU Foundation - Books (Tuition Assistance Program)				
	Financial Activities			
	Beginning Balance			184.00
	Gift	54.92		
	Management Fees		1.06	
	Pending Financial Activities			
	Est. Balance after Pending Activities			237.86

Changes:
None

Changes:
remaining revenue from balloon fundraiser increased

Changes:

None
reduced by \$351.50 for 19 bricks ordered

Changes:

None

Submitted by
Jennifer Griffin, Treasurer



**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNEMENT ASSOCIATION**

RESOLUTION 21-03

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE VSU WITHDRAWAL LIMIT POLICY

AUTHORED BY: Senator Alejandro A. Briceno

SPONSORED BY: Senator Alexis Smith, Senator Justin Carter, Senator Kevin Eppes, Director Tia Brown, Senator Cassie Katen, Senator Ashley Thinnifel, Senator Darius Guinyard, Senator Jazmine Rivas, Director Laura Northup, Senator Madison Meeker, Senator Jenna Tillman.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Valdosta State University (VSU) Student Government

Association (SGA) to determine and state the official position of the VSU student body on relevant issues, and to ensure a fair and proper educational system for the entirety of the VSU student body;

WHEREAS, SGA recognizes the importance of a proper, fair, balanced, and updated system of

course withdrawals, following the examples of peer institutions and their decisions, to discourage performance stagnation and promote student success;

WHEREAS, SGA aspires to improve, and exceed, the overall retention and completion rate of students at VSU;

WHEREAS, There is no current record of a university within the University System of Georgia

(USG) that has a similar process, and thus would be innovative and unique, which are values that Valdosta State University stands for;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 2020-2021 Student Government Association of

Valdosta State University, on behalf of the student body of Valdosta State University,

hereby urges an amendment to the current policy regarding course withdrawals;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the VSU SGA is making the following recommendations to the VSU Administration:

- A 10-total withdrawal limit for students, allowing for 3-course withdrawals per academic year;
- Academic advisor intervention on the 6th withdrawal to ensure students do not misuse the system and/or suffer consequences to their financial aid;
- An appeal process facilitated through the Vice President of Student Success regarding the number of withdrawals per academic year on a case-by-case basis;
- The implementation of a feature within Banner to provide flags alerting academic advisors of high-risk students that withdraw from a course, to ensure knowledge of the situation and encourage communication between the advisor and the student;
- The implementation of a feature within Banner to provide pop-ups alerting students of how many withdrawals they have left;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the VSU SGA commits to working together

with Student Success, Faculty Senate, COSA, and the VSU administration to ensure a solution that adequately satisfies the issues at hand within the current withdrawal process.

For: <u>29</u>	Against: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>
Primary Mover: <u>Senator Bacon</u>	Secondary Mover: <u>Senator Eppes</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	<input type="checkbox"/> VETOED
Date: <u>3/2/2021</u>		
<u>Melisse Welch</u> , Student Government President		