

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 10, 2025

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, February 10, 2025. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Joshua Pifer, Ms. Meg Giddings (Proxy for Dr. Haley Sherman), Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Ms. Samantha Paul, Dr. Joshua Pifer (Proxy Dr. Laurel Yu), Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fred Knowles, Dr. Kristy Litster, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. Lisa Batten, Dr. Luis Gonzalez, Dr. Kelly Mathis, Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore, and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Dr. Haley Sherman, Ms Alene Dasher, Dr. Laurel Lu, Dr. Shaun Ault, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Ms. Catlyn Register, Dr. R. Paul Mihail, and Dr. Jim Nienow.

Catalog Editor: Dr. Emma Kostopolus

Visitors Present: Dr. A J Ramirez, Dr. Nicole Cox, Dr. Erin Grabarczyk, Dr. Ruth Hannibal, Dr. William Faux, Mr. David Nelson, Dr. Mark Kasper, and Dr. Holly Buglewicz.

The Minutes of the November 11, 2024 meeting were approved by email on November 15, 2024. (pages 1-4).

A. College of Science and Mathematics

1. New course BIOL 6010 (pages 5-6) TABLED
2. Revised course description, Biology (BIOL) 5950, “Ornithology”, (ORNITHOLOGY – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 7-8).
3. Revised course description and title, Biology (BIOL) 6530, “Functional Morphology”, (ORNITHOLOGY – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 9-10).

B. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Revised course prefix for the WGSS 2020, 3000, 3010, 3100, 3200, 3240, 3330, 3500, 3600, 3630, 4000, 4100, 4280, 4300, 4400, 4450, 4500, 4600, and 6600 to WGST was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 11-14). Deactivation of WGSS prefix.
2. Revised requirements and narrative for the BS in Organizational Leadership – Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 15-17).
3. Revised requirements and narrative for the BA in Political Science – Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 18-20).
4. Revised requirements for the BA in English – Professional Practices: Writing, Editing and Journalism Track was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 21-26).
5. Revised requirements for the Online Writing Certificate was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 27-29).
6. Revised requirements for the minor in English Studies was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 30-33).
7. Revised requirements for the minor in Journalism was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 34-36).
8. Deactivation of the minor in Professional Writing was noted effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 37-38).
9. Deactivation of the minor in Literature and Language was noted effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 39-40).
10. Deactivation of the minor in Creative Writing was noted effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 41-42).

C. College of Education and Human Services

1. Revised course prerequisites, Communication Science and Disorders (CSD) 3040, 3060, and 3070, was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 43-45).

2. Deactivation of CSD 2998, 2999 and 3030 was approved Fall Semester 2025. (pages 46-47).
3. Revised course prerequisites, Kinesiology/Physical Education (KSPE) 8210, “Sport Coaching Pedagogy”, (SPORT COACHING PEDAGOGY –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 48-49).
4. Revised course prerequisites, Kinesiology/Physical Education (KSPE) 8600, “Professional Coaching Development”, (PROF COACHING DEV –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 50-51).
5. Revised course prerequisites, Kinesiology/Physical Education (KSPE) 8700, “Communication Skills for Coaches”, (COMM SKILLS FOR COACHING –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 52-53).
6. Revised requirements for the MED in Adult and Career Education – Career and Technical Education Option was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 54-56).
7. Revised requirements for the EDD in Curriculum and Instruction was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 57-58).
8. Revised requirements for the EDD in Leadership was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 59-60).
9. Revised course prefix, Higher Education Leadership (HEDL) 7830, “Law and Policy in Higher Education”, (LAW & POL IN H E – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 61-62).
Deactivation of LEAD 7830.
10. Revised course prefix, Higher Education Leadership (HEDL) 7922, “Internship in Higher Education Leadership”, (Intern in H E II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 63-64).
Deactivation of LEAD 7922.
11. Revised course title and description, Adult and Career Education (ACED) 7120, “Interactive Multimedia Learning Design and Development”, (INTERACTIVE MULTMD LRN DSGN DEV – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to read – An introduction to designing... . (pages 65-66).
12. Revised course title, Higher Education Leadership (HEDL) 7880, “Helping Skills in Student Affairs”, (HELPNG SKLLS IN STUDENT AFFAIR– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 67-68).
13. Revised course title, Higher Education Leadership (HEDL) 8300, “Diverse Perspectives in Education”, (DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES IN EDUC– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 69-70).
14. Revised course title and description, Research (RSCH) 9850, “Advanced Mixed/Quantitative Research Methods”, (ADV MIXED/QUANT RESRCH METHD – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 71-72).

D. College of the Arts

1. Revised prerequisites, Music (MUSC) 1012, “Music Theory II”, (MUSIC THEORY II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 73-75).
2. Revised prerequisites, title, and description, Music (MUSC) 1051, “Aural Skills I”, (AURAL SKILLS I – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 76-77).
3. Revised prerequisites, title, and description, Music (MUSC) 1052, “Aural Skills II”, (AURAL SKILLS II – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to read ...sequence, designed to... . (pages 78-79).
4. Revised prerequisites, Music (MUSC) 2011, “Music Theory III”, (MUSIC THEORY III – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 80-82).

5. Revised prerequisites, Music (MUSC) 2012, “Music Theory IV”, (MUSIC THEORY IV – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 83-85).
6. Revised prerequisites, title, and description, Music (MUSC) 2051, “Aural Skills III”, (AURAL SKILLS III – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 86-87).
7. Revised prerequisites, title, and description, Music (MUSC) 2052, “Aural Skills IV”, (AURAL SKILLS IV – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 88-89).
8. Revised description, Master of Arts Communication (MAIC) 6450, “Rhetorical Criticism and Theory”, (RHET CRIT AND THEORY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to – An examination... . (pages 90-91).
9. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 3210, “Strategic Design for Public Relations”, (STRATEGIC DESIGN PUB RELATIONS – 3 credit hours, 1 lecture hour, 4 lab hours, and 5 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 92-93).
10. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 3220, “Strategic Writing for Public Relations”, (STRATEGIC WRITNG PUB RELATION – 3 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 4 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 94-95).
11. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 4200, “Public Relations Research”, (PUBLIC RELATIONS RESEARCH – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 96-97).
12. Revised prerequisites, Public Relations (PREL) 4220, “Integrated Communication”, (INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 98-99).
13. New course, Communications Arts (COMM) 4210, “Advanced Public Speaking”, (INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 description changed to read ...1110. An advanced seminar in... . (pages 100-101).
14. Revised course title, and description, Communications Arts (COMM) 4310, “The Darkside of Communication”, (THE DARKSIDE OF COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 description changed to read ...2300. An exploration of interpersonal...relationships, with an emphasis on dysfunctional...relational outcomes.. (pages 102-103).
15. New course, Communications Arts (COMM) 4350, “Family Communication”, (FAMILY COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to read ...2300. An overview of the family...foundation for communication...development, with specific...contexts. Topics include... . (pages 104-105).
16. Revised credit hours, Communications Arts (COMM) 1800, “Communication Technology”, (COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 106-107).
17. Revised title, and description, Communications Arts (COMM) 2500, “Communication Technology”, (INTRO TO INTERCULTURAL COMM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to – An examination of the...appropriately adapt verbal... . (pages 108-110).
18. Revised title, and description, Communications Arts (COMM) 3021, “Persuasion and Social Influence”, (PERSUASION & SOCIAL INFLUENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to read ...2100. An introduction to theories... . (pages 111-112).
19. Revised credit hours and prerequisite, Communications Arts (COMM) 3211, “Event Planning”, (EVENT PLANNING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 113-115).
20. Revised prerequisite and description, Communications Arts (COMM) 3231, “Health Communication”, (HEALTH COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with health care changed to healthcare. (pages 116-118).
21. Revised prerequisite and description, Communications Arts (COMM) 4511, “Professional Communication”, (PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to rea ...210. The study of...workplace, with an... . (pages 119-120).

22. Revised title, prerequisite and description, Communications Arts (COMM) 3311, “Teams, Leadership, and Small Group Communication”, (TEAMS LDRSHP SMALL GRP COMM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to read ...1800. The study of...tha promote...effective attainment... . (pages 121-123).
23. Revised credit hours, prerequisite and description, Communications Arts (COMM) 3331, “Creativity and Communication Design”, (CREATIVITY AND COMM DESIGN– 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025 with the description changed to read ...1800. An exploration... . (pages 124-126).
24. Revised prerequisite, Communications Arts (COMM) 4431, “Listening and Interviewing”, (LISTENING AND INTERVIEWING – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 127-128).
25. Revised prerequisite, Communications Arts (COMM) 4671, “Internship in Communication”, (INTERNSHIP IN COMMUNICATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 129-130).
26. Revised title, and prerequisite, Communications Arts (COMM) 4461, “Communication Capstone”, (COMMUNICATION CAPSTONE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 131-133).
27. Revised title, and prerequisite, Communications Arts (COMM) 4521, “Crisis Communication and Management”, (COMMUNICATION CAPSTONE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 134-136).
28. Revised title, and prerequisite, Communications Arts (COMM) 4531, “Advanced Intercultural Communication”, (ADV INTERCULTURAL COMM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall 2025. (pages 137-139).
29. Changing of the BFA in Communication to a BA in Communication – revised department narrative and degree requirements was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 140-189). ***Pending BOR approval***

E. Miscellaneous

1. Revised GPA language for the catalog was noted effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 190-192).

Respectfully submitted,

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Registrar