

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 8, 2016

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Rose Room on Monday, February 8, 2016. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Michelle Ritter, Ms. Catherine Bowers, Dr. Gary Futrell, Ms. Sarah Arnett, Ms. Cartherine Bowers (Proxy for Dr. Nicole Cox), Dr. Gary Futrell (Proxy for Dr. Lorna Alvarez-Rivera), Dr. Frank Flaherty, Ms. Sarah Arnett (Proxy for Dr. Ray Elson), Dr. Michelle Ritter (Proxy for Dr. Ellis Head), Dr. Katherine Lamb, Dr. Lars Leader, Dr. Linda Floyd, Ms. Jessica Lee and Dr. Xiaoi Ren.

Members Absent: Dr. Marc Pufong, Dr. Patti Campbell, Dr. Kristen Johns, Dr. Nicole Cox, Dr. Lorna Alvarez-Rivera, Dr. Ray Elson, Dr. Ellis Heath, and Ms. Laura Carter.

Catalog Editor: Dr. Jane Kinney.

Visitors Present: Mrs. Alicia Roberson, Dr. Mike Savoie, Dr. Mark Borzi, Dr. Bob Gannon, Dr. Darrell Ross, Dr. Robert Harding, Dr. Shani Wilfred, Mrs. Teresa Williams, Dr. Viki Soady, Dr. Krishnendu Roy, and Dr. Greg Harrell.

The Minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved by email on January 15, 2016. (pages 1-4).

**A. Honors College**

1. Revised catalog narrative for the Honors College was approved effective Fall Semester 2016. (pages 5-11).

**B. College of Arts and Sciences**

1. New track – International Studies – for the BA in Political Science was TABLED. (pages 12-14).
2. New course, Spanish (SPAN) 2020, “Spanish for Communication in the Criminal Justice Fields”, (SPAN COMM FOR CJ – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the title changed to “Spanish for Communication in the Criminal Justice Fields” and the description changed to read – Basic Spanish for practical use in criminal justice...the United States. Field trips and practicum experiences will be included. (pages 15-19).
3. Revised degree, Area F and Senior College requirements for the BA in Criminal Justice to a BS in Criminal Justice was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with “PSYC 1100 corrected to PSYC 1101”. (pages 20-32). \*\*\*BOR approval require for change to BS\*\*\*
4. Revised requirements narrative for the BA in Criminal Justice was approved effective Fall Semester 2016. (pages 33-34).
5. New course, Criminal Justice (CRJU) 2500, “Written Communications in Criminal Justice”, (WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS IN CJ – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the description changed to - The practice of writing the various types of reports used in the criminal justice system. Producing accurate and complete documents for use in court and other administrative, investigative, and procedural processes will be emphasized.. (pages 35-43).
6. Deactivation of CRJU 2100, 2200, and 2400 was noted effective Fall Semester 2016. (pages 44-45).
7. New course, Biology (BIOL) 3530, “Biodiversity of Macrofungi”, (BIODIVERSITY OF MACROFUNGI – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2016. (pages 46-52).
8. New course, Biology (BIOL) 3860, “Biology of Emerging Infectious Diseases”, (EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the word “newly” removed from the course description. (pages 53-61).
9. New course, Biology (BIOL) 4530, “Comparative Biomechanics”, (COMPARATIIVE BIOMECHANICS – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the course description changed to read ...2211K. The application of engineering... (pages 62-68).

10. New course, Biology (BIOL) 4540, "Bioinformatics", (BIOINFORMATICS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the course description changed to read ...instructor. The theoretical principles... . (pages 69-74).
11. New course, Biology (BIOL) 5530, "Biodiversity of Macrofungi", (BIODIVERSITY OF MACROFUNGI – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2016. (pages 75-81).
12. New course, Biology (BIOL) 5860, "Biology of Emerging Infectious Diseases", (EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the word "newly" removed from the course description. (pages 82-90).
13. Revised degree requirements for the BS in Computer Information Systems was approved effective Fall Semester 2016. (pages 91-92).
14. New course, Computer Science (CS) 1003, "Introduction to Interactive Media", (INTRO TO INTERACTIVE MEDIA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the description changed to read – An introduction to tools...multimedia, using the Processing language... . (pages 93-101).
15. New course, Computer Science (CS) 1020, "Website Design and Development", (WEBSITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the description changed to read – The design and development of websites. The course covers... . (pages 102-106).
16. New course, Computer Science (CS) 3750, "Introduction to Cybersecurity", (INTRO TO CYBERSECURITY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the description changed to - Prerequisite: CS 1302 and CS 2620 with a grade of "C" or better. A study of the basic concepts related to strengths and weaknesses of a computing system. Topics include forms of malware, threats to and attacks on computers, applications, and networks; mechanisms and tools to detect and deter cyber-attacks and to secure a system; and standard security goals, principles, models, policies, and practices. (pages 107-112).
17. New course, Computer Science (CS) 4242, "Mobile Application Development", (MOBILE APPS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2017 with the description changed to – Prerequisite: CS 3410 with a grade of "C" or better. An introduction to mobile application development for the Android platform. Topics include activity lifecycle, intents, fragments, location tracking, SQLite, and maps. The course culminates in a substantial project. (pages 113-119).
18. New course, Computer Science (CS) 4731, "Big Data", (BIG DATA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the description changed to read – Prerequisites: CS 4721 with a grade of "C" or better. The development of... . (pages 120-126).
19. Revised course prerequisite and description, Mathematics (MATH) 4161, "Mathematical Reasoning", (INTRO TO INTERACTIVE MEDIA – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2016 with the description changed to read – An introduction to tools...multimedia, using the Processing language... . (pages 127-129).

**C. Miscellaneous**

1. Revised Request form for Revised Catalogue Copy, Revised Course, New Program, and New Course were presented for discussion – committee was asked to email Dr. Sherri Gravett with any comments concerning these forms. (pages 130-140).
2. Revised Guidelines for New or Changed Courses or Curriculum were presented for discussion – committee was asked to email Dr. Sherri Gravett with any comments or suggestions concerning this document. (pages 141-146)

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones  
Registrar