

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 11, 2024

The Academic Committee of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate met in the University Center Cypress Room, Monday, November 11, 2024. Dr. Sharon Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, presided.

Members Present: Dr. Laurel Yu (Proxy for Dr. Joshua Pifer), Dr. Taralynn Hartsell, Dr. Fred Knowles (Proxy for Dr. Shaun Ault), Ms. Tera Ray (Proxy for Ms. Samantha Paul), Dr. Laurel Yu, Ms. Chalise Ludlow, Ms. Meg Giddings, Dr. Fred Knowles, Dr. Kristy Litster, Dr. Colette Drouillard, Dr. R Paul Mihail, Dr. Jim Nienow, Dr. Luis Gonzalez, Dr. Kelly Mathis, Dr. R. Paul Mihail (Proxy for Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore), and Ms. Tera Ray.

Members Absent: Dr. Joshua Pifer, Dr. Haley Sherman, Ms. Alene Dasher, Dr. Shaun Ault, Dr. Taewon Hwang, Ms. Samantha Paul, Ms. Catlyn Register, Dr. Lisa Batten, and Ms. Kytt Everdeen Moore.

Catalog Editor: Dr. Emma Kostopolus

Visitors Present: Dr. Michael Webster, Dr. Christen Dillon, Dr. Mark Kasper, Dr. Anne Huot, and Dr. Andreas Lazari.

The Minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting were approved by email on September 12, 2024. (pages 1-2).

A. College of Business Administration

1. Revised course title and description, Master of Accountancy (MACC) 7100, “Advanced Financial Reporting”, (ADVANCED FINANCIAL REPORTING –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 3-4).

B. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Revised course number, African American Studies (AFAM) 2000, “Introduction to Africana Studies”, (INTRODUCTN TO AFRICANA STUDIES –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 5-7). Deactivation of AFAM 3000.
2. New certificate in Ethnic and Global Literature was noted effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 8-10).

C. College of Nursing and Health Sciences

1. Revised degree narrative for the BSEP was approved Fall Semester 2025. (pages 11-14).
2. Revised Admission requirements for the BSEP was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 bullet #4 remove the word cumulative. (pages 15-16).
3. Revised course prerequisites and description, Nutrition (NUTR) 3250, “Special Topics in Nutrition”, (SPECIAL TOPICS IN NUTRITION –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 17-18).
4. Revised course prerequisites, Nutrition (NUTR) 3300, “Nutrition, Fitness, and Health”, (NUTRITION, FITNESS, AND HEALTH –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 19-20).
5. Revised course prerequisites, Nutrition (NUTR) 3350, “Weight Management and Behavior”, (WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND BEHAVIOR –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 21-22).
6. Revised course prerequisites, Nutrition (NUTR) 4000, “Advanced Nutritional Therapy”, (ADVANCED NUTRITIONAL THERAPY –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 23-24).
7. Revised course prerequisites, Nutrition (NUTR) 4900, “Community Nutrition and Health”, (COMMUNITY NUTRITION & HEALTH –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 25-26).

8. Revised course prerequisites, Nutrition (NUTR) 4950, “Advanced Nutritional Therapy”, (ADVANCED NUTRITIONAL THERAPY –3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 27-28).

D. College of the Arts

1. Revised requirements for the minor in Theatre was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 29-32).
2. New course, Music (MUSC) 3896, “Piano Ensemble”, (PIANO ENSEMBLE – 1 credit hour, 0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025 with the description changed to read ...keyboard majors. The study of... . (pages 33-34).
3. New course, Music Education (MUE) 7200, “Rehearsal Techniques”, (REHEARSAL TECHNIQUES – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025 with the last sentence changed to - Educational legislation, accessibility, and instructional practices for a wide variety of learners will be examined. (pages 35-36).
4. New course, Music Education (MUE) 7500, “Instructional Methods”, (INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025 with the last sentence changed to - Educational legislation, accessibility, and instructional practices for a wide variety of learners will be examined. (pages 37-38).
5. Revised course credit hours and prerequisites, Music Education (MUE) 7600, “Instrumental Music Curriculum”, (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CURRICULUM – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025 with the prerequisite changed to – Prerequisites: MAT (Music Education), or permission of instructor. (pages 39-41).
6. Revised course credit hours, Music Education (MUE) 7370, “Vocal Methods, (VOCAL METHODS – 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 2 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 42-43).
7. Revised course credit hours and title, Music Education (MUE) 7640, “General Music Methods, (GENERAL MUSIC METHODS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 44-46).
8. Revised course credit hours, title, prerequisites, and description, Music Education (MUE) 7101, “Professional Development Seminar II: Clinical Practice and Capstone, (PROF DV SEM II: CLINCL PRAC CAP – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 47-49).
9. Revised course credit hours and prerequisites, Music Education (MUE) 7800, “Practicum in Music, (PRACITCUM IN MUSIC – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025 with the course description changed to - Prerequisites: MAT (Music Education) majors and MUE 7640. Co-requisites: MUE 7600 and 7610. A supervised field experience to coordinate with MAT (Music Education) curriculum courses. (pages 50-52).
10. Revised degree requirements for the BA in Music was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 53-55).
11. Revised degree requirements for the BM in Music Performance was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 56-58).
12. Revised Selected Learning Outcomes, and degree requirements for the MAT in Music Education was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 59-65).

E. College of Science and Mathematics

1. New course, Computer Science (CS) 4850, “Graph Theory and Applications”, (GRAPH THEORY & APPLICATIONS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – A survey of properties of different types of graphs. Topics include the use of graph... . (pages 66-78).
2. Revised degree requirements for the BS in Computer Information Systems was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 79-81).
3. Revised degree requirements for the BS in Computer Information Systems – Cyber Security Track was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 82-84).

4. Revised degree requirements for the BS in Engineering Technology was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 85-87).
5. New certificate in Fundamentals of Engineering Technology was noted effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 88-90).
6. Revised course description, Biology (BIOL) 1080, "Conservation Biology", (CONSERVATION BIOLOGY – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 91-93).
7. Revised course description, Biology (BIOL) 3950, "Ornithology", (ORNITHOLOGY – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 2 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Spring Semester 2025 with the description changed to - Prerequisites: BIOL 1107, 1107L, BIOL 1108, and 1108L. Introduction to the study of birds. Topics include morphology, evolution, ecology, behavior, and conservation, coordinated with field study of local species. (pages 94-95).
8. New course, Biology (BIOL) 4010 was WITHDRAWN. (pages 96-97).
9. Revised course title and description, Biology (BIOL) 4530, "Functional Morphology", (FUNCTIONAL MORPHOLOGY – 4 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, and 6 contact hours), was approved effective Summer Semester 2025. (pages 98-99).
10. Deactivation of Science Core Certificate was noted effective Spring Semester 2025. (pages 100-101).
11. Revised narrative and requirements for the Fundamentals of Pre-Allied Health Certificate was noted effective Fall Semester 2024. (pages 102-104).
12. Revised narrative and requirements for the Fundamentals of Pre-Medicine and Health Professionals was noted effective Fall Semester 2024. (pages 105-107).
13. New course, Data Science (DATA) 2600, "Intro to Data Science", (INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – An introduction to the methods...Students will work with programming... . (pages 108-109).
14. New course, Data Science (DATA) 3701, "Time Series Forecasting Techniques", (TIME SERIES FORECASTING TECHNQ – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 110-111).
15. New course, Data Science (DATA) 3801, "Programming for Data Science I", (PROGRAMMING FOR DATA SCI I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – An introduction to programming... . (pages 112-113).
16. New course, Data Science (DATA) 3802, "Programming for Data Science II", (PROGRAMMING FOR DATA SCI II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – A continuation... . (pages 114-115).
17. New course, Data Science (DATA) 3803, "Programming for Data Science III", (PROGRAMMING FOR DATA SCI III – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 116-117).
18. New course, Data Science (DATA) 4610, "Statistical Machine Learning I", (STATISTICAL MACHINE LRNG I – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – An introduction to statistical learning. Topics include bias-variance...Pearson residuals and likelihood... . (pages 118-119).
19. New course, Data Science (DATA) 4611, "Statistical Machine Learning II", (STATISTICAL MACHINE LRNG II – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – A survey of classification... . (pages 120-121).
20. New course, Data Science (DATA) 4700, "Data Management", (DATA MANAGEMENT – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 122-123).
21. New course, Data Science (DATA) 4750, "Data Visualization", (DATA VISUALIZATION – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – An introduction to data visualization...visualizations using current technology. (pages 124-125).
22. New course, Data Science (DATA) 4950, "Neural Networks and AI", (NEURAL NETWORKS AND AI – 3 credit hours, 3

lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – A survey of the fundamentals... . (pages 126-127).

23. New course, Inquiry (INQR) 2002 WITHDRAWN – already exist. (pages 128-129).

24. New course, Mathematics (MATH) 4970, “Topological Data Analysis”, (TOPOLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS – 3 credit hours, 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, and 3 contact hours), was approved effective Fall Semester 2025 with the description changed to read – A survey of fundamental...visualization using tools... . (pages 130-131).

25. New degree program – BS in Data Science was approved effective Fall Semester 2025. (pages 132-136). **Pending BOR Approval**

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Jones
Registrar