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- c) **Welfare Committee**
 - i) **Retirement Walkway/Luncheon-Employee Recognition.** The retirement luncheon is set for June 14, 2005. New bricks have been installed in the walkway.
 - ii) **COSA on the Move.** Members discussed reviving this event. The committee will follow-up on suggestions and report back to COSA.
 - iii) **Staff Development Committee.** No report.
 - d) **Policy & Procedures Committee.** No report.
- 6) **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**
- a) **Benevolence Committee.** No activity.
 - b) **Parking Appeals Committee.** For October, 456 tickets were issued, 240 were dismissed, and 216 were upheld. Chair Mike McKinley answered questions regarding the parking appeals statistics for September (*Handout #4*).
 - c) **Minutes Distribution.** The committee is considering copying the minutes onto an 11 x 17 sheet rather than having posters printed.
 - d) **Brochure Revision.** The new brochure will be ready by December's meeting.
 - e) **Recycling.** No Report.
 - f) **Faculty Staff Campaign.** No report.
- 7) **Miscellaneous Reports**
- a) **Faculty/Staff Campaign.** No report.
 - b) **State Charitable Contributions Program.** No report.
- 8) **Report from the Chair.**
- a) **Academic Scheduling/Procedures.** Michael McKinley reported that the students are being surveyed regarding the possibility of eliminating Exam Preparation Day in order to have an additional day for final exams.
 - b) **Faculty Senate** No report.
 - c) **University Planning Advisory Council.** Rebecca Taylor reported that the Goal 6 committee has recommended to sub-committees, Diversity Training and Retention, and University Service Awards.
- 9) **Unfinished Business.** None
- 10) **New Business.** Jeff Grant distributed a request from the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) for a COSA volunteer to be on a task force that will look into issues of communication (or perhaps the lack thereof) at VSU concerning our shared vision, the Strategic Planning process/progress. Interested members should contact Jeff at 245-3852 or jgrant@valdosta.edu. (*Handout #5*)
- 11) **Other Business.** The members discussed having a tailgate party for staff employees at the first playoff game on Saturday, November 20th. The game begins at 1pm. It was decided that each COSA representative will donate 4 big bags of chips and COSA will purchase hotdogs and buns. Rebecca Taylor will contact Coca-Cola regarding their donating beverages and the Coke Wagon; Marshall McLane and Bobby Flowers will take care

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