

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- x Academic Scheduling/Procedures: Shannon McGee attended the meeting on behalf of Sammy Dees. Shannon stated that some students expressed an interest in re-scheduling spring break during the 2003 spring semester. It was indicated that the VSU schedule is currently in line with the schedule of the city and county school systems and has already been approved for the upcoming spring semester. Therefore, VSU spring break will remain as scheduled for the week of March 31, 2003-April 4, 2003.
- x Faculty Senate: No report.
- x Parking Appeals: Mike McKiley distributed a chart indicating the breakdown of the parking appeals for the month of October 2002. The committee upheld 59% of the appeals while 41% of the appeals were dismissed.
- ¾ Partners for Campus Excellence: Shannon McGee informed everyone that the Partners for Campus Excellence sessions are in progress and are being well received.
- x Welfare Committee: Rebecca Kimbrough informed the group that the Welfare Committee has a staff development meeting Friday, Nov. 15th, at 1:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Training and Development office.
- x State Charitable Contributions Program: Bob Lee informed everyone that the State Charitable Contributions Program's first goal of \$15,000.00 had been reached and the fountain had been illuminated with green lights to signify the level of contributions received. Bob encouraged everyone to turn in the pledge packets as soon as possible. He asked that individuals paying cash bring their packets to the Grants and Contracts office. He encouraged everyone to view the SCCP website at <http://www.valdosta.edu/sccp/>.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

Chair Shannon McGee informed the group that GOSA would be meeting with Dr. Zaccari on Friday, Nov. 15th for a breakfast meeting.

She stated that 140 staff accepted the generous offer from Jim Black, Interim Vice President for Business and Finance, for tickets to the Valdosta State vs. Arkansas Tech football game on November 9th. This Gulf South Conference football game was designated as VSU Staff Day. She expressed her thanks to Mr. Black for his kind gesture.

Shannon noted that there are several CCA representatives that are serving on Goal Committees as part of the strategic planning process. She encouraged all VSU staff to participate in the process and stressed that this process is very important to the future of Valdosta State University.

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ¾ Rebecca Kimbrough discussed the options for staff participation in various extracurricular activities on campus. Staff may participate in intramural sports after work hours. If any of the intramural sports are conducted in the Student Recreation Center the staff member is required to have a membership to the Center. Staff and faculty may purchase a membership for the Student Recreation Center for either \$60.00 per semester or \$175.00 per year. Rebecca reminded everyone that the equipment in the VSU P.E. Complex may be used by staff free of charge. Options available off campus include the City of Valdosta Parks and Recreation Department; however, the Parks and Recreation Department requires a fee for participants for the various activities they offer, which cannot be paid for by state money.
- ¾ Inman Grimsley informed everyone that meetings were scheduled on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, regarding the 529 Higher Education Savings Plan. Sherry Palmer Thomas will be speaking to the groups regarding this. In January the payroll deduction for the 529 Higher Education Savings Plan will be after tax and the plan accumulates tax free. Inman also informed the group that in January the alternate life insurance available at VSU will no longer be pre-taxed and he will be sending out an e-mail regarding this issue. He reminded everyone that open enrollment concludes Friday, Nov. 15th. Inman informed the group that Wild Adventures will be in the Ashley Hall rotunda on December 2, 2002 issuing discounted passes to VSU staff. The annual

Respectfully submitted:

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