



Mr. Hamlar and seconded by Mrs. Faw that:

The VWCC Board approve the new program in Computer Science Specialization to be offered within the current Science major as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID AUDIT

Mr. Blalock explained the recent Federal Financial Aid Audit report, and the college's responses to the report's recommendations and suggestions. Board members were provided copies of the report.

5. LOCAL FUNDS REPORT/BUSINESS SCIENCE BUILDING

Dr. Downs advised that the contract for the Business Science building has been signed in Richmond and mailed to the contractors, Branch and Associates. It is anticipated that construction will begin in March. When the building was proposed, the Board approved an allocation of \$500,000 for the cafeteria portion of the building. Last spring the college requested \$122,260 from the local political subdivisions for the building's site work. Since then, the college has learned that the site work will cost more than originally anticipated, and \$19,889 additional money will be needed. Dr. Downs recommended that this amount be allocated from the college's local funds rather than asking the political subdivisions for additional site money. A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Watson that:

The VWCC Board appropriate \$19,889 from local funds to complete the college's commitment to the cafeteria and site work of the Business Science building.

The motion was unanimously approved.

In regard to the third floor of Webber Hall, Dr. Downs reported that the college would not receive funds to complete the top floor during this General Assembly session as requested. However, since construction on the fenced walkway across the top of Webber Hall probably will not have begun in the next 12 months, another request to complete the top floor will most likely be presented to the 1986 General Assembly in hopes of completing the top floor instead of constructing the open, fenced-in walkway across the top of Webber Hall.

6. GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Mrs. Moore is in charge of the groundbreaking ceremony for the new building and reported that plans are underway. The program is scheduled for early March, and additional information will be provided to the Board members when arrangements are complete.

7. 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Moore also advised that plans are being made for the college to celebrate its 20th anniversary in 1986.

8. BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Copies of scheduled college events recognizing Black History Month were distributed to the members, and an invitation was extended for the members to attend any or all of the offerings.

9. SPEAKERS' BUREAU

A listing of recent faculty/staff speaking engagements in the community was distributed, and a reminder was given that this service continues to be available on a wide variety of topics.

10. PRESIDENT REPORTS

Dr. Downs reported on the following items:

- a) General Budget -- Both the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees approved restoring 275 positions of the 525 originally scheduled to be cut from the Community College System. Also restored was the System's Maintenance and Operation money requested for next year. Dr. Downs expressed sincere appreciation to our area legislators who worked hard on the college's behalf in regard to the budget and the new building. The problem of funding in relationship to enrollment remains, however, and the college's recruitment efforts will continue to be emphasized to maintain student enrollment. In the event the enrollment is not maintained, management decisions will have to be made for the college to operate within the budget and number of positions allowed.
- b) Scholarships -- Copies of the list of scholarship recipients for 1984-85 were distributed. Eight full-time scholarships were provided students from various area high schools from funds provided by the local political subdivisions, and two full-time scholarships were provided Franklin County high school students from the James Smith Turner Academic Scholarship. All of these students are making excellent progress in their academic pursuits.

11. LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BUDGET REQUEST

Each year the college requests funds from the six local political subdivisions according to a formula which takes into account the college's enrollment and the subdivisions' population and tax base. The college's request for contributions for 1985-86 is \$6,000 for scholarships and requires the Board's approval. Mrs. Faw made a

motion and Mrs. Payne seconded the motion that:

The VWCC Board approve the college request of \$6,000 from the local political subdivisions to fund scholarships in 1985-86 for graduates of local high schools.

The motion was unanimously approved, and a copy of the budget request is attached.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

*Charles H. Downs*

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Signature of Executive Secretary

*March 21, 1985*

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Date