

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #137

The Virginia Western Community College Board met Thursday, September 8, 1988 at 3:30 p.m. in the Fishburn Hall Conference Room on the North Campus of the college.

MEMBERS  
PRESENT: Mrs. Nina Ross, Chairman  
Mr. Lawrence Hamlar, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary  
Mr. Malcolm Boggs  
Ms. Dianna Garman  
Mrs. Jean Glontz  
Mr. Tommy Moore  
Mr. Steve Musselwhite  
Mr. Monty Plymale  
Mr. Byron Smith

MEMBERS  
ABSENT: Mr. Warren Gardner  
Mr. Tom Robertson

STAFF  
PRESENT: Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Financial Services  
Dr. Robert Harrell, Dean of Academic and Student  
Affairs  
Mrs. Dottie Mock, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ross called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 1988 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Hamlar and seconded by Mr. Smith that:

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the  
May 12, 1988 Board meeting as recorded.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. LOCAL FUNDS REPORT

A copy of the revenue and disbursements of the 1987-88 Local Funds Report was distributed in the members' folders for their information and review. Dr. Downs gave a brief summary of the report.

4. MINORITY RECRUITER

The Alliance for Excellence group has requested the college's financial support in securing a project coordinator to work with VWCC and area black churches in recruiting minority students to the college. This group is part of the Community College Ministries in Blacksburg and works with four area community colleges (Danville, Central Virginia, Patrick Henry and Virginia Western) to promote educational opportunities for blacks. Dr. Downs suggested contributing \$5,000 for this project, which amount would match an amount provided in the group's grant.

Mr. Musselwhite made a motion and Mr. Moore seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve providing \$5,000 to the Alliance for Excellence Council to hire a Project Coordinator to coordinate and promote educational opportunities for students between Virginia Western and black churches in the college's service region.

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. CONTINUING EDUCATION/LABORATORY BUILDING

Copies of the preliminary drawings of the continuing education/laboratory building were distributed to the members in their folders. Dr. Downs met with Mr. Gardner on September 7 to review the plans and reported that Mr. Gardner saw no problems with the drawings. The President asked for the Board's approval in concept of these preliminary drawings. Mrs. Ross suggested that a fact sheet would be helpful to the members in presenting their support for the building to area legislators, etc. Copies of the fact sheet will be forwarded to the members later.

Mr. Moore made a motion and Mr. Plymale seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve the concept of the continuing education/laboratory building preliminary drawings and that this information be provided to the VCCS.

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. ELEVATORS

The state has money set aside to improve services for the handicapped. The college submitted a request for funds to install elevators in Fishburn Hall and Duncan Hall to provide access to all floors for the handicapped. This request has been approved. Mr. Gardner has reviewed the project and concurred with the plans to install elevators in these buildings.

Mr. Hamlar made a motion and Mr. Musselwhite seconded that:

The VWCC Board recommends that the college proceed with plans to install elevators in Fishburn Hall and in Duncan Hall and to so notify the VCCS.

The motion was unanimously approved.

7. GRADUATE CENTER

A proposal for additional classroom space has been submitted by the Graduate Center director. It was recommended that a Continental-home type building be secured for this purpose, however, the President suggested a permanent type building on campus would be preferred. After discussion, it was suggested that this proposal be tabled for now and that it be determined if future graduate center enrollment will merit requesting additional classroom space.

Mr. Musselwhite made a motion and Mr. Plymale seconded that:

The VWCC Board agreed to table the proposal from the Graduate Center requesting the purchase of a temporary building for classroom space until enrollment figures are determined.

The motion was unanimously approved.

9. VCCS BOARD MEETING

Information on the Annual State Board meeting in Richmond on November 10-11 was distributed in the members' folders, and Dr. Downs invited all members to attend, with the college paying allowable expenses.

10. VWCC BOARD MEETING

The November meeting of the Local Board will conflict with the VCCS Annual meeting in Richmond on November 10-11. The members agreed to reschedule Virginia Western's Board meeting for Thursday, November 17, unless a majority of the members plan to attend the State Board meeting in which case the Local Board meeting will be held in Richmond.

11. RENOVATION

The bids for the renovation project have been advertised and are to be submitted to the college by 11 a.m., September 20 and opened at 11 a.m. September 21. The awarding of the bid requires the Board's approval. It was agreed to set up a subcommittee to act on this project on behalf of the entire Board. Mr. Gardner will serve as Chairman with Mrs. Glontz and Mr. Plymale completing the committee.

## 2. ENROLLMENT - FALL SEMESTER

Dr. Harrell presented an update on the enrollment figures and estimated that about 3,150 FTEs would be enrolled by the end of the year. It appears that the fall semester enrollment will be about the same as last year's fall quarter enrollment.

## 3. PRESIDENT REPORTS

- a) Teleconference -- a State/Local Board Teleconference will be presented Wednesday evening, September 14, at 7:30 in Webber Hall, and the President urged the members to attend.
- b) Copies of the college's response to the Auditor of Public Accounts report were distributed to the members for their information.
- c) Arboretum -- Contributions collected for the arboretum fund have been deposited in the Foundation. To use the funds from the Foundation requires approval by the Board.

Mr. Boggs made a motion and Mr. Hamlar seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve using funds deposited in the Foundation for the arboretum as necessary to be used on this project.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- d) Bookstore -- The college has been investigating the possibility of building its own bookstore without using state funds. This project would free space now being utilized by the bookstore. Mr. Blalock will explore this possibility further.
- e) Swimming Pool -- The college has been approached by Patrick Henry High School personnel about the possibility of the high school raising the money to build a swimming pool on our campus. Dr. Downs advised that this is just in the talking stage.
- f) Macke Shack -- When the third floor of Webber Hall is completed, the students will have easy access to the cafeteria from both sides of the campus, and the college would like to request that Service America remove their Macke Shack building from the North Campus.

Mr. Plymale made a motion and Mr. Hamlar seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve requesting Service America to remove the Macke Shack building from the North Campus at an appropriate time after the completion of the third floor of Webber Hall.

The motion was unanimously approved.

14. FUTURE MEETING

At future meetings, Mrs. Glontz suggested highlighting different departments of the college to familiarize the members with all of the special offerings at the college.

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



Signature of Executive Secretary



Date