

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #145

The Virginia Western Community College Board met Thursday, January 25, 1990, at 3:30 p.m. in the Fishburn Hall Conference Room on the North Campus of the college.

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

MEMBERS Mr. Steve Musselwhite
ABSENT: Mr. Tom Robertson

STAFF Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean, Academic & Student Services
PRESENT: Mr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President
Dr. Robert Harrell, Dean, Academic & Student Affairs
Mrs. Dottie Mock, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hamlar called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Chairman welcomed Mr. George Daniels, new Board member, to the meeting and expressed the Board's appreciation for his acceptance of the appointment. Mr. Daniels will represent the City of Salem and replaces Mr. Warren Gardner who resigned recently.

2. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 1990 BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the November 16, 1990 Board meeting (#144) as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS' BUDGET REQUESTS

Dr. Downs reviewed the proposed 1990-91 budget requests for contributions from the six local political subdivisions that the college serves. Last year's budget request totaled

\$194,000 for student scholarships and site development for the laboratory/continuing education building which has been scheduled to begin construction this summer.

This year's proposed budget request of \$10,000 is for student scholarships only. Scholarships are awarded to qualified students in each of the six political subdivisions.

After discussion, Mr. Moore recommended that the budget request be increased to \$15,000 which would allow additional deserving students to receive scholarship awards. Mrs. Glontz suggested that a letter of explanation be sent to each of the political subdivisions explaining why this year's budget request is so much less than last year's request.

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

The VWCC Board approve a 1990-91 local budget request of \$15,000 from the six local political subdivisions for student scholarships and that a letter be sent to the service areas explaining the difference in this year's and last year's request.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Dr. Downs advised that he would like to use some of the accumulated college service fee funds for improvements that would benefit the students and the campus environment. Some of the things mentioned, which could not be paid for from state funds, are to: increase lighting in parking lots and around campus; placing benches, inside and outside, for student seating; and enclose the area between Craig and Duncan Halls to provide a space on the South Campus for students to buy drinks/snacks and to have an area to go to between classes. The latter improvement would replace the old "Macke Shack" that was torn down to provide space for the elevator in Duncan Hall.

Mr. Smith made a motion and Mrs. Ross seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve using accumulated college service fee funds for campus improvement projects for students as outlined by Dr. Downs and that the President provide a complete list of improvements with the cost of each project.

The motion was unanimously approved.

In answer to Mrs. Glontz' inquiry regarding campus security, Mr. Emick advised that certified campus police officers are on duty 24 hours a day and that there have been very few cases of vandalism or security problems.

5. LAY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Lists of the various lay advisory committees' membership were mailed previously to the Board members for their consideration. A revision to the Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology Lay Advisory Committee was noted with the addition of one person and a replacement for a member who has moved out of the state.

Mrs. Glontz made a motion and Mr. Smith seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve the lay advisory committees' membership as presented with the inclusion of the revision to the Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology Committee.

The Lay Advisory Committees are:

Administration of Justice
Architectural/Civil Technology
Automotive Technology
Business-Industrial Supervision
Business Technology
Commercial Art
Continuing Education
Dental Hygiene
Early Childhood Development/Child Development
Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology
Fire Science
Horticulture Technology
Legal Assistants Medical Transcriptionist
Mental Health Technology
Nursing Assistant
Nursing
Occupational Safety
Radiologic Technology
Radio/Television Production Technology
Retail Management
Savings and Loan Association Education

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. SPECIALIZATION IN FINE ARTS

Information on the Specialization in Fine Arts within the Liberal Arts program was provided earlier to the Board members. Dr. Harrell advised that transfer-orientated courses for students within a specialization were recommended to replace the discontinued major in Fine Arts. These courses are currently being taught, require no additional faculty, and will become effective with the 1990 summer term.

Mrs. Glontz made a motion and Mrs. Ross seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve the Specialization in Fine Arts within the Liberal Arts program as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

7. THE PRESIDENT' REPORT

Dr. Downs reported on the following topics:

- a) Enrollment -- The annualized FTES for the year was 3415, which is a 7% increase over last year and is the college's highest enrollment ever.
- b) Capital Projects -- The plans for the continuing education/laboratory building are ready to be put out for bids; however, with the current reversion requested by the Governor, this project may be delayed until July 1. The college will have to return 2% (\$200,000) of its operating budget to the state budget.

Student Center -- Hopefully in the next few months, the General Assembly will authorize the college to spend up to \$840,000 of accumulated bookstore/vending profits to plan and build a student center on campus.

- c) Educational Foundation -- The Foundation has cash investments of \$183,712. Also, a contribution of \$280,000 from an estate has been received recently.
- d) Mexican Ballet -- Tickets for the Ballet Folclorito Nacional de Mexico, scheduled for March 17, will be mailed to the Board members.

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mr. Emick reviewed several of the projects the Public Relations Office has completed or is working on: Two issues of the quarterly Discovery have been distributed and the spring issue will be completed next month; a recruitment

brochure will also be ready for distribution in February; a VWCC audio-visual presentation is being prepared; and several other projects are underway.

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hamlar appointed the following members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Board:

Mr. Hamlar, Chairman
Mr. Plymale
Mrs. Ross

When the Board is not in session, the Executive Committee can act for the entire Board concerning the conduction of the business of the college.

0. MINORITY LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

The Annual Minority Leadership Breakfast will be held on Friday, February 9, at 7:45 a.m. in the Business Science Auditorium, and a letter of invitation to the Board members will be mailed next week.

1. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room.

2. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

Charles Downs
Signature of Executive Secretary

March 22, 1990
Date