

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #146

The Virginia Western Community College Board met Thursday, March 22, 1990, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room on the North Campus of the college.

MEMBERS Mr. Monty Plymale, Vice Chairman
PRESENT: Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Mr. Malcolm Boggs
Mrs. Jean Glontz
Mr. Tommy Moore
Mrs. Nina Ross

MEMBERS Mr. George Daniels
ABSENT: Mrs. Dianna Garman
Mr. Lawrence Hamlar
Mr. Steve Musselwhite
Mr. Tom Robertson
Mr. Byron Smith

STAFF Mrs. Rita David, Program Head, Radiology Department
PRESENT: Dr. Robert Harrell, Dean, Academic & Student Affairs
Mrs. Dottie Mock, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Plymale opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and expressed the Board's sympathy in the recent death of Warren Gardner, a former Board member.

2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 1990, BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mrs. Glontz and seconded by Mr. Moore that:

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the January 25, 1990, Board meeting (#145) as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

At the last meeting, the Board approved using accumulated college service fee funds for campus improvement projects for students and asked that Dr. Downs provide a list of improvements and their costs for the Board's review. With accumulated funds from the \$2 college fee each student pays each semester, over \$50,000 is available and can be used for projects/items that the state will not fund. Dr. Downs has

met with College Council members, the President's Staff, and several individuals and has received the following suggestions for campus improvements.

- a) Improve lighting around campus.
- b) Develop outside areas with attractive benches for study/socializing.
- c) Plan for additional parking.
- d) Improve the campus landscape to provide a campus-like atmosphere.

To effectively accomplish an overall campus plan, Dr. Downs recommended that the college solicit the services of a landscape architect/designer, with the cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Dr. Downs also recommended that the college request that the city install street lighting along McNeil Drive.

A final recommendation concerned the installation of a traffic signal at McNeil Drive and Colonial Avenue. The college has repeatedly approached the city regarding the acute need for a traffic signal at this intersection, but the city maintains that the traffic pattern fails to meet their requirements for installing a signal. The President recommended that the Board's Traffic Light Committee be reactivated and that they again meet with city engineers and request that the city install a traffic light at the above location and offer the city up to \$10,000 to help defray the expenses of the installation.

Mr. Moore moved that:

The VWCC Board approve the President's recommendations to: employ a landscape architect, for a fee not to exceed \$10,000, to provide a plan for campus improvements; to solicit the city to install street lights along McNeil Drive; and to again request the installation of a traffic signal at McNeil Drive and Colonial Avenue, offering up to \$10,000 toward the expense of installation, if appropriate.

Mrs. Glontz objected to offering the city \$10,000 toward the expenses for installing the traffic signal. Mr. Plymale stated that the committee could visit the city engineers again, ask for an exception to the city's requirements, and stress the unique traffic situation at the college. Dr. Downs asked that the committee be reactivated, with Mr. Boggs serving as Chairman.

After further discussion, Mrs. Glontz seconded Mr. Moore's motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUILDING

The General Assembly has passed legislation permitting the college to construct a student activities building. After the Governor signs the legislation, the next step would be to solicit bids from architects for the project. This step requires the Board's approval.

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

After the Governor signs the legislation for the college to construct a student services building, the VWCC Board approve the solicitation of an architect, through the bid process, for the project.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A committee will be established to review the architects' bids and to make the selection. If a Board member would like to serve on that committee, please advise Dr. Downs. It is estimated that construction might start next spring.

5. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As agreed upon at the May 11, 1989, Board meeting, Mr. Hamlar would serve as Chairman and Mr. Plymale would serve as Vice Chairman for two consecutive terms. At the end of the second term, Mr. Plymale would move up to Chairman. Thereafter, beginning July 1, 1991, a Chairman would serve a one-year term. Mr. Plymale asked that Mr. Boggs, Mr. Hamlar, and Mrs. Ross serve on the Nominating Committee for the 1990-91 officers of the Board, with Mr. Boggs serving as Chairman.

6. TEACHER APPRECIATION

At the meeting on February 13, 1990, the Executive Committee discussed the possibility of honoring the faculty in some way as a "thank you" from the Board for their dedication and service, i.e., selecting a teacher of the year, either one person or one person from each division, or having a reception/breakfast/luncheon honoring all the teachers. Dr. Downs contacted several of the faculty members, and they preferred a social event honoring the entire faculty.

After discussion regarding arrangements and dates, Mr. Moore made a motion and Mrs. Glontz seconded that:

The VWCC Board approve honoring the faculty with a teacher recognition breakfast/luncheon during the faculty inservice program, August 16 - 20, and that a committee be set up to make arrangements for this special event.

The motion was unanimously approved.

7. GRADUATION

Spring graduation will be held Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Roanoke Civic Center, with a reception following the ceremonies. Dr. Harrell added that the faculty would welcome and encourage the Board members attendance at the graduation exercises.

8. RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Downs introduced Mrs. Rita David, Program Head, Radiology Department, who presented an interesting and informative overview of the Radiology Department and its programs and accomplishments. It is a two-year program with intense instruction in various sources of imaging and X-ray technology.

Also, a fund-raising committee has been formed to raise funds for scholarships and other radiological needs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, the regular portion of the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The Board members remained for a short session to consider the annual evaluation of the President. The results of this session will be mailed to Mr. Hamlar who will forward a letter to the Chancellor for his consideration.

APPROVED:

Charles Downs
Signature of Executive Secretary

May 24, 1990
Date