

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #148

The Virginia Western Community College Board met Thursday, July 26, 1990, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the college.

MEMBERS Mr. Lawrence Hamlar, Chairman
PRESENT: Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
 Mr. Malcolm Boggs
 Mr. George Daniels
 Mrs. Jean Glontz
 Mrs. Nina Ross
 Mr. Byron Smith

MEMBERS Mrs. Dianna Garman
ABSENT: Mr. Tommy Moore
 Mr. Monty Plymale
 Mr. Steve Musselwhite

STAFF Mr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President
PRESENT: Dr. Robert Harrell, Dean of Academic and Student
 Affairs
 Mrs. Brenda Wills, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hamlar called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The chairman read the letter (attachment 1) sent to Mr. Thomas L. Robertson by Mary F. Parker, Roanoke City Clerk, thanking him for having served on the board from November 10, 1986, to June 30, 1990. The board will also send a letter to Mr. Robertson expressing appreciation for his service. The chairman also read a letter (attachment 2) sent to Mrs. LaVerne B. Dillon, appointing her to the Board effective July 23, 1990, for a term ending June 30, 1994.

Mr. Hamlar welcomed Mrs. Ross back, and stated that he hoped that she is continuing to recuperate nicely. Mrs. Ross thanked everyone for the flowers and cards received, and said that she is doing very well.

Dr. Downs introduced the new recording secretary for the board, Brenda Wills. Mr. Hamlar welcomed her on behalf of the board.

2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 1990, BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the May 24, 1990, meeting as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. REPORT ON 1989-90 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Mr. Hamlar informed the board that the Report on 1989-90 budget expenditures has not yet been finalized. The board members agreed to postpone discussion of this item until the next meeting.

4. MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Hamlar presented the Mission Statement for discussion.

Dr. Downs explained the reaccreditation procedure to the board members and informed them that our first step in that procedure is to revise our mission statement. He emphasized the value of the input from the board members during the reaccreditation, particularly when determining the strategic issues (using the mission statement as a guide) which will be used to develop the long range plan.

Mrs. Glontz suggested that an invaluable service to the community as well as to our students would be the establishment of a quality career counseling center. The board members agreed that this would be a definite plus for the college and recommended that it be considered as a possibility in our planning.

Mr. Boggs suggested that it might be a good idea to compare the proposed mission statement with the previous statement; the board members agreed. Dr. Downs will send the board members a copy of the old mission statement for comparison. The mission statement will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. ALLIED HEALTH/DAY CARE BUILDING

Dr. Downs and Mark Emick reviewed the history of the proposed allied health/day care building. The latest step has been the completion of architectural planning for the proposed building by the firm of Sherertz, Franklin, Crawford, and Shaffner.

The drawings were briefly reviewed as to location and scope. The President reported that a special appropriation had been included in the current year's budget (1990-91) to provide for

a full-time faculty person to develop an operational plan for the day care portion of the proposal. It has been suggested that the educational programs of the facility would be operated by the college and that the actual care providers be contracted.

Mrs. Glontz expressed concern for potential conflicts when separate interests are involved. She also suggested that the board members be involved when the specifications are written, and emphasized the importance of "tight" specifications. Mr. Boggs stated that the programs are more important than the building, that the plan would have to have educational purpose to be located on this campus, and that VWCC's emphasis has to be teaching our students. Mr. Daniels indicated that we should not lose the concept of an intergenerational center, but the concept needs to be matured. Mr. Smith indicated that costs of operating such a program could be extraordinary and that provisions for funding such programs should be clearly made in the report.

Dr. Downs will keep the board members informed of the progress.

6. SUMMER ENROLLMENT

Dr. Harrell informed the board members that we approached this summer in the same general budget climate as we approached last summer. The enrollment for this summer is going to be 2 percent to 3 percent higher than last summer; we expect final FTE's to be about 950.

7. BIDS ON HUMANITIES BUILDING

Dr. Downs informed the board members that the Humanities Building was funded through lottery money. He provided a record of bid/tabulation sheet (attachment 3) listing the companies that had bid on the project, indicating that Avis Construction Company was the lowest bidder. Dr. Downs mentioned that the companies are all well known and there was engineering input on our behalf.

A motion was made by Mr. Boggs and seconded by Mr. Daniels that:

The VWCC Board approve the awarding of the contract for the Humanities Building to Avis Construction Company.

The motion was unanimously approved.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Downs reported that we started this year with a 5 percent budget reversion, but that the increase in the tuition by the community colleges made the actual amount only 3.8 percent less. He stated that we have cut back on items to balance within the money allotted. We have been asked for a 1 percent reduction plan, a 3 percent reduction plan, and a 5 percent reduction plan. When Governor Wilder announces his decision on budget cuts in August, a decision will have to be made locally and reported to the executive committee of the board as to what reductions will be made.

Dr. Downs told the board members that his staff suggested that the fall faculty breakfast the board was planning be moved from the beginning of the fall semester to avoid its being lost in the opening of school. The staff felt it might be more meaningful later.

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

The VWCC board sponsored breakfast to honor the faculty be moved to a later date.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Downs informed the board members that summer graduation will be Thursday, August 16, 1990, at 7 p.m. in the Roanoke Civic Center Auditorium. Dr. Pierce, the new chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, will be the guest speaker.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, the Board meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Charles Downs
Signature of Chairman

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Date