

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #152

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, March 28, 1991, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the college.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
 Mr. George Daniels
 Mrs. LaVerne Dillon
 Mrs. Jean Glontz
 Mr. Tommy Moore
 Mr. Monty Plymale
 Mrs. Nina Ross
 Mr. Byron Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Malcolm Boggs
 Mr. Lawrence Hamlar
 Mr. Stephen Musselwhite

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Brenda Wills, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Plymale, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

He then read a letter of resignation that had been submitted by Mrs. Dianna Garman, who has relocated.

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

The VWCC Board prepare a resolution acknowledging Mrs. Garman's commendable service as a member of the VWCC Board.

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 1991, BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the January 24, 1991, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. RECOGNITION OF RESERVISTS

Dr. Downs informed the Board members that the task of determining which VWCC students were "reservists activated to attend to their duties" was not an easy one. Our Admissions Office was able to determine that the Marine Reserve Unit left Roanoke very close to the end of our fall semester, allowing most students the opportunity to complete the term by taking early exams. In addition, a list of ten individuals was provided.

As previously approved by the board, a letter of appreciation will be sent to each known student, and a letter will be addressed to the Marine Reserve Unit with the request that a copy be placed in the file of any VWCC student.

4. RECOGNITION OF LAY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board members discussed ways to show appreciation to the Lay Advisory Committee members.

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

The VWCC Board host a breakfast for the Lay Advisory Committee members in the fall.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The breakfast will be held after Labor Day, and Mrs. Glontz will coordinate the breakfast with Dr. Down's staff to suggest possible involvement by the board members.

5. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT'S PLANS

Dr. Downs informed the Board members that Mr. Meador, our landscape architect, will soon complete the plan for signage and plantings on campus. Dr. Downs informed the board members that he has been approached by the Brody Foundation, a foundation whose purpose is to promote the display of flags, about the possibility of a flag display at VWCC.

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

Dr. Downs coordinate the location of a flag display with our landscape architect, submit the proposal to the Brody Foundation for funding, and report his findings to the board.

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Downs proposed that an ad hoc Finance Committee be appointed to investigate the need for an investment plan for the moneys controlled by the Local Board. The board agreed that this would be a good means of exploring investment opportunities.

Mr. Plymale volunteered to serve on the committee and asked that Mr. Boggs and Mr. Daniels serve as well.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Downs informed the Board members that Mr. Hamlar's term as Chairman will expire in June, and that a Nominating Committee needs to be appointed for the selection of a new vice chair, as Mr. Plymale will become Chairman. Mr. Plymale asked Mrs. Ross to chair the committee, and requested that Mrs. Glontz and Mr. Smith serve with her. They will report to the Board at the next meeting on May 23.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Downs reported on the following items:

a. Budget Reversion--Dr. Downs summarized the budget reversion status and informed the board members that nine

employees have been given notice that their positions will not be funded next year. Of those positions, three were administrative, three were faculty, and three were staff. Every effort was made to preserve enrollment, to maintain the balance prescribed by the VCCS among the administrators, staff, and faculty, and to select areas where duties could be performed by other employees.

Dr. Downs also explained that the possibility exists that we may have to revert another 6 1/2% (this would make the total reversion 21 1/2%). The State Board will be meeting to consider the issue of increased tuition to help absorb some of the loss.

b. Whitman Auditorium Dedication--Dr. Downs informed the board members that the Whitman Auditorium dedication ceremony took place on February 19, 1991.

c. Graduation--Our graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the Roanoke Civic Center Coliseum. Dr. Downs invited all board members to attend.

d. Miscellaneous--A new college catalog was provided each board member.

Complimentary tickets to the Barter Theater's presentation of *Greater Tuna* were provided to members who might wish to attend the April 17 production in the Whitman Auditorium on our campus.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:

Charles Downs
Signature of Executive Secretary

May 24, 1991
Date