

# VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Minutes #16

Local Advisory Board

September 9, 1968

The Local Advisory Board of Virginia Western Community College met on September 9, 1968 at 8:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Building.

Members present were:

- Mr. Henry Thomas, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Basil Watkins
- Mr. Barton Morris
- Mr. Darnall Vinyard
- Mrs. Hunter Painter
- Dr. Frank Wolfe
- Dr. Harold H. Hopper, President

Vice Chairman Henry E. Thomas presided.

Also in attendance for the first few minutes of the meeting was Dr. Arthur Land, who was invited to meet the members of the Board.

Vice Chairman Thomas opened the meeting by asking the Board to approve the April, 1968 minutes and they were approved as recorded.

The executive session minutes of May, 1968 were approved after correcting them to properly identify the sale of 700 shares of stock as American Motor Inns, Inc. stock. A notation of this correction was made on page 3 of these minutes.

Vice Chairman Thomas welcomed Virginia Western's new President, Dr. Harold H. Hopper and expressed his confidence in Dr. Hopper's understanding of the procedures of the Community College System.

Vice Chairman Thomas then introduced Dr. Arthur Land to the Board, who is replacing Marshall Denison as Dean of Student Services. Dr. Land briefly expressed his enthusiasm for his new position and left the meeting.

Everyone was reminded of the State meeting to be held in Williamsburg on October 4 and 5.

## BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE:

Next on the agenda was the suggestion that a committee of three be set up for the Bookstore to serve as a liaison between the Bookstore and the Board. The three men appointed to this committee were Mr. Sam Crockett, Mr. Eugene Crotty, and Mr. Paul Thomson. This was ratified by the Board.

### CONSIDERATION OF BOOKSTORE MANAGER:

We now have one full-time paid employee in the Bookstore and she is asking for a second employee to help her, as well as a young man to work part-time. After much discussion, Mr. Barton Morris moved that Mr. Thomas, in consultation with Dr. Hopper, employ such additional personnel for the operation of the Bookstore as in their judgment they felt was necessary to carry out all operations in an efficient manner. This motion was seconded and passed.

### INVESTMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS:

The investment of local funds report was discussed and it was suggested that the Board members study them and discuss them in greater detail at the next meeting.

### AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE:

Mr. Thomas reported to the Board relative to the discussions at the State Board Ad Hoc Committee meeting on academic freedom and tenure. He said that inasmuch as there was no objection to academic freedom, it was agreed that there is an increasing awareness that faculty and administrative people should have a definite responsibility in keeping their desires to express their opinions at modest levels, so as not to occasion the embarrassment of the Colleges they represent.

Mr. Thomas suggested the Local Board should not have anything to do with faculty appointments or their termination, but should deal only with administrative people. Furthermore, on matters of dismissal and disciplinary action, it might be well for the President to inform the Board of the course of action he intends to follow. He felt the Board should not have complete veto power over the President; however, when the termination of contracts or appointments of administrative people arise, he said these should be brought before the Board for approval. It was Mr. Thomas's suggestion that this be brought up at the October 4 and 5 meeting in Williamsburg.

### COMPENSATION---ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND FACULTY MEMBERS:

Dr. Hopper said he would work with the State Department on this. There is a scale in the System for the minimum and maximum salaries which he will look into and discuss at the next meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S FUND:

Mr. Thomas suggested that inasmuch as it was desirable for Dr. Hopper to meet the citizens of Roanoke, it would be a good idea for him to take part in some of the local functions. In this regard, Mr. Thomas moved that a quarterly fund of \$200.00 be given to Dr. Hopper to be used at his discretion for dinner meetings, club memberships, etc., which motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

### DENTAL LABORATORY VS. LIGHTING AND WALKS:

It was brought to the Board's attention that we might have to make a choice between completing the construction of the dental laboratory and finishing the walkways and exterior lights since there would not be enough money to complete both. Vice Chairman Thomas pointed out that it is extremely important for us to have exterior lights and walkways if we are to avoid the onset of adverse incidents, thereby creating unfavorable publicity for the College.

A motion was made and seconded to the effect that because the plan for the new buildings, including the dental laboratory, the exterior lighting, and the walkways, is such a good one, we are hopeful that some way might be found to complete all these important facilities; that we would also be glad to work with the State Department in considering other alternatives. Motion unanimously carried.

### DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM:

Dr. Hopper called off a list of dental surgeons who would be contacted to make up the Advisory Board for Dental Assistants. A motion was made to approve the Dental Assistant program and refer it to the State Board. Motion seconded and passed.

### RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY:

Dr. Hopper read a list of professionals who would be contacted to serve on the Advisory Board for Radiologic Technology. Mr. Watkins made a motion that we approve this program and refer it to the State Board. Motion seconded and passed.

### TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC PROGRAM:

Dr. Hopper read a memorandum from Mr. Sam Crockett, relative to a specialized Transportation and Traffic Management program. The memorandum stated that these courses will prepare students to take the specialized professional examinations for certified membership in the American Society of Traffic and Transportation. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the program to be referred to the State Board. Motion carried.

### BOND ISSUE:

Dr. Hopper brought before the Board a copy of a resolution prepared by Wytheville Community College. He indicated that Dr. Hamel suggested that if we wish to have such a resolution, we should release it in late September or early October. It was suggested that Dr. Hopper re-word the resolution and present it at the October meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

  
Harold H. Hopper, Secretary

 Feb. 14, 1968  
Minutes approved ----- Date