

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #160

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, August 27, 1992, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the college.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Malcolm Boggs
Mr. George Daniels
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Jean Glontz
Mr. Tommy Moore, Chairman
Mr. Jimmy Morris
Mr. Monty Plymale
Mr. Patrick Shaffner
Mr. Byron Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. LaVerne Dillon
Mr. William Reid

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. J. Andrew Archer, Natural Science/Math & Allied
Health Division Chairman
Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Financial and
Administrative Services
Dr. Robert A. Harrell, Dean of Academic and
Student Affairs
Mr. J. Lee Hipp, Horticulture Faculty Member
Professor Byoung-Rong Lee, Exchange Faculty
Member from Sang Ji Junior College in Wonju,
Korea
Dr. Elizabeth Payne, Self-Study Director
Mrs. Brenda Wills, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Plymale for his exemplary performance as the 1991-92 Chairman of the Board.

2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 1992, BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the May 28, 1992, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Glontz requested that board minutes be mailed to the board members along with the agenda for the upcoming meeting rather than immediately after the meeting is held.

3. LOCAL FUNDS YEAR END REPORT

Mr. Blalock provided information regarding the Financial Statements for the local funds for the period July 1, 1991, through June 30, 1992, and answered questions asked by the Board members. Mr. Boggs suggested that it would be helpful to add information to the report which would recapitulate the funds committed to the college by local political subdivisions but not yet paid.

4. GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE

Dr. Downs informed the Board members that passage of the proposed general obligation bond issue on November 3 will have a tremendous impact on this community. He mentioned that the community colleges have been asked to raise money to promote the passage of the bond issue inasmuch as public money cannot be used for this purpose. Dr. Downs mentioned that any positive support which the Board members might generate in the community would be appreciated.

5. CHANCELLOR'S COMMONWEALTH PROFESSOR

Dr. Andrew Archer, Division Chairman for Natural Science and Mathematics, introduced Mr. J. Lee Hipp, Horticulture Professor at VWCC since 1978. Mr. Hipp is one of four community college faculty selected to receive the 1992-94 Chancellor's Commonwealth Professor Award. Dr. Archer explained that the award was established in 1989 to

recognize and support teaching excellence in the Virginia Community College System. Recipients are nominated by his or her teaching faculty peers with the final selections being made by the Chancellor of the VCCS based on the advice of a panel of outstanding educators. Mr. Hipp thanked the Board members for their support in their approval of the construction of the Arboretum and acknowledged the positive role that the Arboretum played in his having received this award. He especially thanked Mr. Moore and Mr. Boggs for their suggestions and help in initially acquiring community funds. Mrs. Glontz noted what a pleasure it has been watching the development of the Arboretum and complimented the work that Mr. Hipp has accomplished.

Mr. Hipp introduced Professor Byoung-Rong Lee, Professor of Landscape Design and Director of Academic Affairs at Sang Ji Junior College in Wonju, South Korea. Dr. Lee will be working in the Horticulture Department at Virginia Western until January 1993 as a part of the exchange program between the two colleges.

6. CABELL BRAND CENTER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Harrell informed the Board members that the Cabell Brand Center Fellowship program provides organizational and financial support for student involvement in addressing the environmental and social concerns of businesses, non-profits, public agencies, and community leaders. To encourage participation in this program, Mrs. Ellen Holtman, a biology faculty member, will serve as the Biology Club sponsor and will work with interested students.

7. SELF-STUDY UPDATE

Dr. Elizabeth Payne, Director of our Self-Study, provided a status report on the progress of our Institutional Self-Study. This process, which must be repeated every ten years to maintain accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, evaluates an institution to ensure that it meets minimum standards of quality and to ensure the effective fulfillment of its educational purposes. The final report of this study, composed of twelve extensive analytical reports prepared by broad-based committees and reviewed by a steering committee of carefully selected persons representative of all segments of the college community (Mrs. Nina Ross has represented the Local

Advisory Board), will be ready for approval by the Board around Christmas.

The visit by the SACS committee is scheduled for April 19, 20, and 21, 1993, and Dr. W. Ronald McCarter, President of Alamance Community College in Haw River, North Carolina, has agreed to serve as chair of our Reaffirmation Committee. This committee of peers will primarily be looking to see how we measure up to the criteria set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Members of the Board may be contacted by members of the visiting team for input during their evaluation of our institution. The college will be notified of the findings and recommendations of the visiting team by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and will be given an opportunity to respond.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1) Dr. Harrell reported that our Fall 1992 enrollment will increase modestly. He noted that we are limited by restrictions in place on the state level and that even if we exceed enrollment, we will not receive additional funding. The area in which it is most difficult to accommodate enrollment is Science. Lack of facilities and faculty members prohibits us from offering more classes, and no solution to these problems seems to be imminent.

2) Dr. Downs mentioned that the stop light at the intersection of Colonial and Overland is scheduled to be operational on November 1.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

October 2, 1992

Date



Executive Secretary