

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #164

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, March 25, 1993, 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
Mrs. Betty Corvin
Mrs. LaVerne Dillon
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Jean Glontz
Mr. Tommy Moore, Chairman
Mr. Monty Plymale
Mr. Patrick Shaffner
Mr. Byron Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. George Daniels
Mr. Jimmy Morris
Mr. William Reid

GUEST PRESENT: Mr. Robert Crouch, State Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Financial and
Administrative Services
Dr. Robert Harrell, Dean of Academic Affairs
Mr. David Hillman, Head Librarian
Mr. William Wingfield, Facilities Coordinator
Mrs. Brenda Shepherd Wills, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

On behalf of the Board members, Mr. Moore welcomed Mr. Bob Crouch, Virginia Western's liaison to the VCCS State Board. Mr. Crouch invited the board members to contact him whenever he can be of assistance and stated that he is looking forward to working with Virginia Western.

Mr. Moore introduced Franklin County's new representative, Mrs. Betty Corvin; the Board members welcomed her.

Information was provided relative to Mr. Lawrence Hamlar's recent contribution to the Virginia Western Educational Foundation to establish an endowment fund to provide support in recruiting and retaining minority students at the college.

A copy of the newspaper article regarding Mr. William Reid's recent retirement as President of Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley was furnished for the board members' information.

2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 1993, BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the January 28, 1993, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Moore appointed a Nominating Committee to nominate a vice chairman to serve the term of July 1, 1993, to June 30, 1994. According to established guidelines, Mr. Malcolm Boggs, the current vice chairman, will become chairman on July 1, 1993. Mr. Boggs and Mr. Daniels will serve with Mr. Moore on the Nominating Committee, and the Committee will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

4. HUMANITIES BUILDING

Mr. Moore introduced Mr. William Wingfield, Virginia Western's Coordinator of Facilities Management. Mr. Wingfield presented background information and drawings regarding the Humanities Building, construction of which had been delayed since construction funds were frozen in 1990. The approval of the General Obligation Bond Referendum last November has allowed construction to begin. Mr. Wingfield reported that the building will be located on South Campus, will contain a total of 29,000 square feet of floor space, and should be completed by Fall 1994 semester. He informed the Board members that the building will house the Humanities offices, two classrooms, laboratories, studios, commercial

design facilities and the gymnasium. The multipurpose room was designed without seating due to cost constraints; efforts are being made to add additional space as construction progresses.

Dr. Downs explained that State funding allows for construction of a "plain vanilla" building. Any finishing touches have to be added using local funds. Mr. Shaffner explained that there are three phases involved between the inception and completion of a building--architectural design, interior design, and landscape architecture. He noted that while interior color coordination plans are a part of the architectural design, an interior designer could provide services toward a fully coordinated facility.

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

The VWCC Board request Dr. Downs to investigate the possibility of hiring an interior designer to coordinate the completion of the building.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Downs mentioned that the Cottage (which houses Continuing Education) will be razed in May.

Dr. Downs reported that he has visited with the Managers of the local political subdivisions regarding our 1993-94 budget requests. He provided relevant information by political subdivision to the respective Board representatives.

5. LIBRARY AUTOMATION

Mr. David Hillman, Virginia Western's Head Librarian, was introduced. He presented information regarding library automation. He mentioned that the Virginia Community College System has received \$250,000 for library automation, the purpose of which is increased efficiency and effectiveness. He reported that nine of the community colleges already have automated libraries (Virginia Western has previously independently automated its library). The plan is to be on-line with the system early in the 1993-94 fiscal year. Mr. Hillman noted that the transfer should be smooth since the computer terminals are already operational in our library.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1) Dr. Downs provided Board members with information from a report compiled by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia which furnished statistics by locale of the residents enrolled in Virginia Institutions of Higher Education.

2) Dr. Downs mentioned the following items:

--Graduation will be on May 14 at the Roanoke Civic Center at 7 p.m.

--The reaccreditation visiting team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be on campus April 19-22. The opening dinner will be on April 19; each Board member will receive an invitation.

--The Community Arboretum will be dedicated on Friday, May 7, 1993, at 11 a.m.; each board member is invited to attend.

--Virginia Western will be participating in the United Way's One Great Day of Caring (noon on September 14 to noon on September 15), the purpose of which is encourage awareness of United Way's participating organizations.

--College catalogs from 1993-94 were made available to the Board members.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, Mrs. Glontz moved and Mr. Shaffner seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

5-28-93

Date

Charles W. Downs

Executive Secretary