

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING #166

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, July 15, 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
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Mr. Jimmy Morris
Mr. Monty Plymale
Mr. William Reid
Mr. Byron Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Betty Corvin
Mr. George Daniels
Mrs. LaVerne Dillon
Mrs. Jean Glontz

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Financial and
Administrative Services
Dr. Robert Harrell, Dean of Academic Affairs
Mr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President
Mr. Wayne Michie, Chair of Engineering/Industrial
Technologies Division
Mr. W.T. Shirley, Chair of Social Sciences Division
Ms. Brenda Shepherd Wills, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. Boggs informed the Board members that Mr. Patrick Shaffner has had to resign as a member of the Board due to the fact that he no longer resides in Roanoke County, the jurisdiction which he represented.

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

Mr. Boggs will write a letter to Mr. Shaffner on behalf of the Board

members thanking him for his dedicated and effective service as a Board member.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Boggs noted that it is necessary to have a quorum present at the board meetings in order to transact business. He therefore requested that each board member call Dr. Downs' office if unable to attend a board meeting.

A copy of the Bylaws was provided to each member. Mr. Boggs asked that the members read Article I, Section 1.5 and Article III, Section P.1 before the next board meeting at which time any questions will be addressed.

2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 1993, BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the May 27, 1993, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS FOR PREPLANNING STUDY OF CAMPUS RENOVATIONS AND OF THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING BUILDING

Mr. Emick explained that a preplanning study is required for every building constructed with public funds. The preplanning studies (which include site suggestions) are presented to the Virginia Community College System Office in Richmond for capital outlay consideration.

Mr. Emick stated that the college is in the process of planning two construction projects on campus. One project is the renovation of selected facilities, a project which will cost approximately one million dollars and will include some infrastructure changes as well as cosmetic changes. A college committee interviewed architects who expressed an interest in the project and selected Motley and Associates to prepare the preplanning study.

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

Motley and Associates be approved to prepare the preplanning study for the planned campus renovations for a fee not to exceed \$25,000. If Motley and Associates cannot prepare the study for the established fee, authorization is hereby granted to select the next highest ranked firm for consideration.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Emick discussed the second proposed project--the construction of a Business and Industrial Training Center. He stated that the General Assembly appropriated \$25,000 for a preplanning study for the construction of a Business and Industrial Training Center as there is no such facility in this region. The center would assist the region in business development, would provide a business incubation program and training resources in the areas of new or advancing technologies, and would house a development program for offering four-year baccalaureate degree programs in the Roanoke Valley. A college committee interviewed architects who expressed an interest in this project and recommended that the firm of Sherertz Franklin Crawford Shaffner Inc. be selected to prepare the preplanning study for this project.

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

Sherertz Franklin Crawford Shaffner Inc. be approved to prepare the preplanning study for the Business and Industrial Training Center for a fee not to exceed the \$25,000 appropriated by the General Assembly. If Sherertz Franklin Crawford Shaffner Inc. cannot prepare the study for the established fee, authorization is hereby granted to select the next highest ranked firm for consideration.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. ODU AND RADFORD DEGREES OFFERED AT VWCC

Dr. Downs noted that interest has been expressed in the establishment of a four-year university in the Roanoke Valley. This trend could be the precursor of changes that could take place in the near future at Virginia Western.

Dr. Harrell introduced Mr. Wayne Michie, Chair of the Engineering/Industrial Technologies Division, and Mr. W.T. Shirley, Chair of the Social Sciences Division, who provided information about two universities who are currently offering baccalaureate degrees on Virginia Western's campus.

Mr. Michie discussed the Engineering Technology programs being offered at Virginia Western by Old Dominion University (information attached). He noted that the program began in 1989 with thirty-five students and now has one hundred twenty students. Degrees are offered in Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering Technology and are targeted toward working technicians in the

Roanoke Valley. Courses are taught via satellite from Norfolk or through their own faculty based at Virginia Western. The program, designed to be completed on a part-time basis, is TAC/ABET accredited and has proved to be an economic development asset to the community. ODU is currently conducting feasibility and funding studies to expand this concept through a new "teletechnet" initiative to offer other ODU degree programs through off-campus classes in cooperation with local community colleges.

Mr. Shirley informed the Board members that beginning this fall, Radford University will offer a four-year degree in Social Work on Virginia Western's campus (materials attached). Virginia Western's Program Head for the Mental Health curriculum, Mr. Richard Gaynor, received the Chancellor's Commonwealth Professor award for his work in developing this program with Radford University. (The Chancellor's Commonwealth Professor Award is an award established in 1989 to recognize and support teaching excellence in the Virginia Community College System.)

Both the ODU and Radford programs are designed to complement the AAS degrees already in place at Virginia Western. Students participating in both the ODU and Radford programs are enrolled at the respective university and pay tuition to those institutions. The programs are administered by ODU and Radford; at this time, Virginia Western provides logistical support with the goal of serving the needs of the community.

Dr. Downs mentioned that he is investigating four-year programs already in place at other community colleges. This could be an important step which would change the character of what appears at this site.

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

The VWCC Board endorse Dr. Downs' investigating the four-year degree programs being offered at other community college campuses and report back to the Board members.

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. REPORT ON THE INVESTMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS

Mr. Blalock provided a report on Virginia Western's Local Funds invested as of June 1993. He mentioned that funds are invested with staggered maturities to meet operational needs. He stated that our overall yield was about one percent

above the current certificate of deposit rate. The Board members agreed that this is a good rate of return considering the economy.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Downs reported that construction of the Humanities Building is on schedule and should be completed by next summer. The cost of the building will be a little over two million dollars.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Plymale seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

10-15-93
Date

Charles Downs
Executive Secretary