

## VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD MEETING #179

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, March 21, 1996, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the college.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Betty Corvin  
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary  
Ms. Margaret Grayson  
Mr. Geoffrey Ottaway  
Mr. Robert Patterson, Vice Chair  
Mr. William Reid  
Ms. Audrey Wheaton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. James Arend  
Mr. George Daniels  
Ms. LaVerne Dillon, Chair  
Mr. Stan Lanford  
Mr. Jimmy Morris

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. J. Andrew Archer, Dean of Academic and Student  
Affairs  
Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Finance and  
Administrative Services  
Mr. Lee Hipp, Horticulture Program Head  
Mr. William Wingfield, Director of Facilities  
Management Services  
Ms. Brenda Shepherd, Secretary

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 1996, AND JANUARY 18, 1996 BOARD MEETING

Mr. Patterson informed the Board members of the actions taken at the January meeting and noted that the board needed to consider the actions since a quorum was not present at that meeting.

**A motion was made by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mrs. Grayson that:**

**The VWCC Board ratify the actions taken at the January 18, 1996, meeting.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Reid and seconded by Ms. Corvin that:**

**The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the September 21, 1995, and the minutes of the January 18, 1996, meetings as written.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

3. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Patterson informed the Board members that a Vice Chair needs to be selected for the July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997, term. Mr. Reid and Mrs. Corvin agreed to serve with him on the Nominating Committee and will present a recommendation at the next Board meeting. (Mr. Patterson, as current Vice Chair, will become Chair for the upcoming term.)

4. REVIEW OF PROPOSED GOALS

The Board members discussed the proposed goals for 1996 which were presented at the January 1996 meeting.

**A motion was made by Mr. Reid and seconded by Ms. Corvin that:**

**The VWCC Board approve the 1996 Proposed Goals as presented.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

## 5. COLONIAL AVENUE STOP LIGHT

Mr. Blalock provided an update on the status of our request of Roanoke City to have a traffic light installed at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and McNeil Drive. He mentioned that James Madison Junior High and WBRA-TV have committed \$6,500 to assist toward the \$25,000 cost of installation. (It is not yet known whether Roanoke City will have capital outlay funds to assist with the installation.) The Board members acknowledged that the light is absolutely necessary for the safety of the students and staff.

**A motion was made by Ms. Corvin and seconded by Ms. Wheaton that:**

**The VWCC Board authorize and encourage Dr. Downs to pursue the installation of the light at Colonial Avenue and McNeil Drive and authorize him to spend whatever amount necessary to have the light installed as soon as possible.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

Dr. Downs mentioned that it would be helpful if the Board members would contact members of City Council to let them know of our interest in the project.

## 6. NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

Dr. Downs introduced Lee Hipp, Horticulture Professor at Virginia Western, and mentioned that Lee and a committee of community members raised funds for the development of The Community Arboretum. Mr. Hipp thanked the Board for the support which it has provided and explained the latest proposed addition to the Arboretum, the Natural Science Center. This community-based project will include a classroom for hands-on experience as well as a resource center. The approximate cost will be \$250,000; to date, he noted that \$60,000 has been pledged. The Board members endorsed this worthwhile project.

Mr. Hipp also mentioned that the Children's Garden now being added to the Arboretum should be completed by the end of summer and will provide an added attraction for the many school children who visit the Arboretum.

## 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Downs provided the following information:

- Radford University currently offers four-year degrees on our campus in Nursing, Social Work, Criminal Justice, and Media Services. Beginning with the Fall Semester 1996, two Business degrees (Management and Accounting) will be added to their offerings. To accommodate space needs, Radford is proposing to place on our campus, at their expense, three temporary modular buildings. It is anticipated that permanent arrangements to accommodate space needs will be made in less than five years.
- Legislative Update—

Virginia Western received \$500,000 to help complete renovations to the Fine Arts Building.

Funds (\$200,000) were allocated to study the feasibility of renovating the old downtown Norfolk Southern building for use as a University Center. Virginia Western was chosen as a vehicle to manage the study; Roanoke City officials actually requested the allocation. Norfolk Southern wishes to donate the building to house a proposed University Center in the Valley.

- Dr. Archer reported on Virginia Western's Dual Enrollment Program, a program through which we teach college classes to high school students in their respective high schools. He noted that this program is currently in place in Roanoke City, the City of Salem, and Franklin County. He also mentioned our articulation agreements with four-year institutions through which students earn their degrees here in Roanoke and Virginia Western's addition of distance learning classes through which students take classes independent from the traditional method of class delivery. He noted that all these options help alleviate the continuing space problems on campus.

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

Approved:

May 16, 1996  
Date

  
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Executive Secretary