

## VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD MEETING 184

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, March 20, 1997, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the college.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. James Arend  
Mrs. LaVerne Dillon  
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary  
Mrs. Margaret Grayson  
Mr. Stan Lanford  
Mr. Robert Patterson, Chair  
Mr. William Reid  
Mrs. Audrey Wheaton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Betty Corvin  
Mr. George Daniels  
Mr. Jimmy Morris  
Mr. Geoffrey Ottaway

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. J. Andrew Archer, Dean of Academic and  
Student Affairs  
Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Finance and  
Administrative Services  
Dr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President  
Ms. Anne Hutcherson, Program Head of Dental Hygiene  
Ms. Brenda Shepherd, Secretary

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 1997, BOARD MEETING

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

**The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the January 16, 1997, meeting 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, 1997, to June 30, 1998, term. Mr. Lanford and Mrs. Grayson agreed to serve with him on the Nominating Committee and will present a recommendation at the next Board meeting. (Mr. Ottaway, as current Vice Chair, will become Chair for the upcoming term.)

### **4. LEGAL ASSISTING LAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dr. Archer noted that as a part of the accreditation process for the Legal Assisting curriculum, the American Bar Association has requested that we add five persons to the Legal Assisting Lay Advisory Committee. He provided a list of suggested committee members for consideration by the Board and noted that these persons would be added to those approved at the last Board meeting.

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

**The VWCC Board approve the addition of the persons to the Legal Assisting Lay Advisory Committee as presented.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

### **5. PROGRESS REPORT ON ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Dr. Archer provided a report on the 1996-97 academic scholarship recipients. He noted that each scholarship offers complete tuition for one year and that of the twenty-three who were awarded scholarships, twenty-one chose to attend VWCC. He also mentioned that we encourage each high school in the service area to submit applications and that efforts are made to ensure that each locality has a scholarship recipient. It was suggested that we make a conscientious effort to provide information directly to the students in case the counselors do not make a connection.

### **6. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Emick provided information regarding 1997 General Assembly actions. He also mentioned that Virginia Western will be a partner in a technical education and training center in the Greenfield Industrial Center in Botetourt County at the request of County administrators and the Fifth Planning Commission. He indicated that we will help

develop a wide-based training program for businesses moving into that park in a joint effort sponsored by Botetourt County, the Appalachian Regional Commission, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College and Virginia Western. He commented that this partnership will be an excellent marketing tool as we work to develop an outreach center in that part of our service area and will provide additional space and programming opportunities

## **7. REPORT ON ACCESS ROAD**

Dr. Downs informed the Board that the US Marines in Roanoke had been invited to assess our parking lot access road project to determine whether it would be a feasible project for them to undertake. After discussion which included points such as possible lengthy completion time, the location's proximity to the railroad tracks, the mandatory "hold harmless" agreement, and the fact that the estimated total savings of on the project would be only ten to twenty percent,

**A motion was made by Mr. Arend and seconded by Ms. Dillon that:**

**The VWCC Board decline the kind offer from the US Marines to assist in the parking lot access road project.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

## **8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. Downs reminded the Board members that graduation will be at the Salem Civic Center on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m.
- LaVerne Dillon mentioned to the Board members that she has received several compliments from neighbors and associates on the good quality and presentation of courses at the College.

## **9. REPORT ON THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

Anne Hutcherson, head of the Dental Hygiene Program provided information on the Dental Hygiene Associate of Applied Science Degree offered at the college. She mentioned that our program is one of three in the Community College System and one of five in the state. She also mentioned that, with the assistance of a \$45,000 grant from the Virginia Health Care Foundation, in the Fall 1997 Semester we will begin offering the program via teleconferencing to students at Danville Community College. Ms. Hutcherson noted that this will be only the second program of this type in the United States (the other is in Wisconsin). Ms Hutcherson commented that though the enrollment

in the Dental Hygiene program is limited, a need is met in the communities through supplying needed professionals as well as through providing dental care for the indigent.

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

APPROVED:

May 16, 1997  
Date

Charles M. Downs  
Executive Secretary