

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING 187

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, January 15, 1998, 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
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Ms. Margaret Grayson
Mr. Geoffrey Ottaway, Chair
Mr. William Reid

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Betty Corvin
Ms. LaVerne Dillon
Mr. George Daniels
Mr. Stan Lanford
Mr. Jimmy Morris
Mr. David Spigle
Ms. Audrey Wheaton

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
Mr. Gordon Hancock, Distance Education Coordinator
Ms. Brenda Shepherd, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ottaway called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. On behalf of the Board, he congratulated Mr. Arend on having received the John W. Hancock, Jr. award for Outstanding Community Service. He mentioned that the award is presented by The Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce and the United Way.

2. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 1997, BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the September 18, 1997, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. PROPOSED LAY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Lists of the proposed membership of the following Lay Advisory Committees were distributed for consideration:

- Acting
- Administration of Justice
- Building Construction Trades
- Business Technology
- Business-Industrial Supervision
- Commercial Art
- Construction Technology
- Dental Hygiene
- VWCC-DCC Joint Venture Dental Hygiene
- Early Childhood Development
- Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Fire Science
- Food Service Management
- Horticulture Technology
- Legal Assisting
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Mental Health Technology
- Motorcycle
- Nursing
- Practical Nursing Certificate
- Occupational Safety
- Radiologic Technology
- Railroad Operations Technology
- Radio/Television Production Technology
- Sign Language

Dr. Archer noted that these committee members provide guidance as to the needs of employers as well as recommendations about the respective curricula. He mentioned that

the membership is reviewed each year by the faculty, who make recommendations for renewals and new appointments.

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

The VWCC Board approve the Lay Advisory Committees as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BUDGET REQUESTS

Dr. Downs reported on the status of our locality requests, noting that last year we requested \$15,600 for scholarships and \$157,530 for the Natural Science Center and sidewalk improvements. He noted that all localities approved our request with the exception of Roanoke County; the County did not approve \$31,033 for the sidewalk improvements. (Roanoke County did not approve the \$59,892 handicapped accessibility request in 1996-97 as well.) Dr. Downs provided the 1998-99 distribution information and noted that no new capital improvement projects are being undertaken this year. Therefore, the suggested request for funding from the local subdivisions is for scholarship awards only.

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

The college request funding from the localities in the amount of \$16,000 for student scholarships and that Roanoke County be asked to reconsider funding which they have not provided for site development (\$90,925).

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. SMITH FARM

Dr. Mark Emick presented a report on the Smith Farm, providing the background of the bequest and the current status of the farm. He mentioned that Virginia Western is the "overseer" of the 400+ acre farm; the State Board for Community Colleges actually holds the title to the property. Dr. Emick reported that the house, which is rented, is in need of repairs, and that the pasture is still being rented. The board discussed possible options and expressed the desire for the bequest to benefit the college and the community as was intended by the benefactor.

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

The options available to the college be explored and a report made at the next meeting. The house should be maintained in an inhabitable condition, but no substantial improvements should be made.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Reid suggested that we consider asking the State for money to maintain the house.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Ottaway reported that he and Mr. Reid had reviewed the President's goals for 1997 and presented them to the Board for their consideration.

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

The Board adopt the 1998 goals for the President as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Any questions regarding the 1997 goals will be addressed at the next meeting.

- Dr. Downs provided a brief legislative update and noted that the General Assembly is addressing the funding for the Center for Higher Education in Roanoke.

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

APPROVED:

Date

Charles Downs

Executive Secretary