

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING 189

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, March 19, 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
Ms. LaVerne Dillon
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Ms. Margaret Grayson
Mr. Stan Lanford
Mr. Jimmy Morris
Mr. Geoffrey Ottaway, Chair
Mr. William Reid
Ms. Audrey Wheaton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Betty Corvin
Mr. George Daniels
Mr. David Spigle

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Finance and
Administrative Services
Dr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President
Mr. Wayne Michie, Chair of the Engineering
Technologies Division
Ms. Brenda Shepherd, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 1998, BOARD MEETING

Mr. Ottaway 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. Arend and seconded by Mr. Lanford that:

The VWCC Board ratify the actions taken at the January 15, 1998, meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the January 15, 1998, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. PRESIDENT'S 1997 GOALS

Mr. Ottaway asked if there were any questions regarding the information that was provided at the last meeting relative to the President's 1997 Goals.

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

The VWCC Board approve the President's 1997 Goals as submitted.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ottaway informed the Board members that a Vice Chair needs to be selected for the July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999, term. He asked that Mr. Arend and Ms. Corvin serve with him on the Nominating Committee. A recommendation from the committee will be presented at the next Board meeting. (Mr. Reid, as current Vice Chair, will become Chair for the upcoming term.)

5. A.A.S. TECHNICAL STUDIES DEGREE

Mr. Wayne Michie provided information on a proposed Associate in Applied Science in Technical Studies degree program that has been developed by a committee of VCCS deans and System Office staff. He noted that the program goals are to provide a mechanism for quick response to business and industry for short-term education and training; to provide a mechanism to meet employer needs for customized program design;

and to provide a framework for students to be able to augment training and experience with formal education.

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

The VWCC Board endorse the addition of an Associate in Applied Science in Technical Studies degree program to the College's offerings.

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. SMITH FARM

Dr. Downs provided information relative to the Smith Farm and informed the members that an attorney is reviewing Mr. Smith's will to determine the College's options. The Board expressed a desire to derive maximum benefit for the College from Mr. Smith's bequest. Upon receipt of information from the attorney, the Board will address the appropriate course of action relative to the farm.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Lanford provided a report on behalf of the Facilities Committee. He noted that the Fine Arts Building ("old poor house") is undergoing renovations and that the Old Dominion University and the Radford University programs will move into that facility upon completion of the renovations. He mentioned that Delegate Vic Thomas has provided good assistance to the college through his support of college requests in the General Assembly, and that the Committee is recommending that the building be named to honor Delegate Thomas.

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

The VWCC Board approve the naming of the Fine Arts Building to honor Delegate Thomas.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- Dr. Downs mentioned that the College will hold its annual Open House event on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. He invited the Board members to attend this event and noted that it is designed to provide information to anyone interested in learning more about the college and its programs.

- Dr. Downs invited the Board members and their spouses to our Graduation ceremony at the Salem Civic Center on May 13. Mrs. Gilmore will be the commencement speaker.

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

APPROVED:

May 21, 1998
Date

Michael P. Downs
Executive Secretary