

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING 199

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, March 16, 2000, 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. Margaret Grayson
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary
Mr. Stan Lanford, Chair
Mr. Geoffrey Ottaway
Mr. Michael F. Urbanski
Ms. Audrey Wheaton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Betty Corvin
Mr. George Logan
Mr. Jimmy Morris
Ms. Harriet Lewis
Mr. David Spigle

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. J. Andrew Archer, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Finance and
Administrative Services
Dr. Mark Emick, Dean of Workforce Development Services
Ms. Brenda Shepherd, Secretary

GUEST PRESENT: Dr. Victoria D. Malick, State Board for Community Colleges

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lanford called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. He introduced Dr. Victoria Malick, member of the State Board for Community Colleges.

2. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2000, BOARD MEETING

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

The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the February 3, 2000, meeting as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

In response to a previous suggestion from Harriet Lewis, Dr. Archer provided information relative to our student population. Examples of information included the average age of students, enrollment by race, full-time/part-time classification of students, place of residence, and dual enrollment data.

4. REPORT ON OFF-CAMPUS FACILITIES

Dr. Emick provided an update on The Education and Training Center at Greenfield, the Roanoke Higher Education Center, and the Franklin County Training Center. He noted that operating expense money was received from the General Assembly for the Greenfield Center, and we are currently acquiring equipment; anticipated occupancy is July 1, 2000. Dr. Emick stated that Virginia Western will occupy 10,000 square feet in the Roanoke Higher Education Center, a center designed to provide opportunities in one facility from the colleges and universities in the region (sixteen groups will occupy the facility, thirteen of which are colleges). Mr. Lanford noted that construction is on schedule and that this facility is the first of its kind of this size; it will be run as a non-state agency. Some operating and equipment expense money was received from the General Assembly to assist Virginia Western at the Higher Education Center; anticipated occupancy is August 1, 2000. Dr. Emick noted that the Franklin County Training Center is a collaborative effort between Virginia Western and Patrick Henry Community College with the mission of providing training and educational opportunities to the area. He noted that the facility will be housed in an existing building that is being renovated and should be completed by fall. All three facilities will provide Virginia Western with much needed space.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Downs provided a summary of the history of the Smith Farm that was willed to the college in 1980, and noted that the college has made many attempts to utilize the Farm as prescribed in the will. He mentioned that the Smith Mountain Arts

Council has presented a proposal for consideration by the College Board for development of the Farm as a Community Arts & Culture center designed to serve the needs of the citizens in the area and to provide facilities for the use by the college on a quid pro quo basis. The proposal is a combined effort of the Smith Mountain Lake Association, the Smith Mountain Arts Council, the SML Family Development Foundation, and the Franklin County Family YMCA. The Board members discussed the proposal and agreed that it is the best opportunity for use of the Farm that has been presented to the Board and one that appears to meet the stipulations set forth in Mr. Smith's will. The Board members agreed that the College needs to decide if this use is a part of the vision of the College, whether we wish to have a facility in Franklin County, and how any income that might be generated would be used (e.g., a scholarship fund).

Dr. Malick, a member of the VCCS State Board Smith Mountain Lake subcommittee, has been involved in the development of the proposal for use of the property. She noted that the College and State Board (the title to the property is actually held by the State Board) would provide the property and no funds would be requested from the College for the development and use of the property. She also noted that this proposal is presented through a foundation that would oversee the project.

The Board decided that the College should write a letter to the Virginia Community College System requesting a legal opinion from the Attorney General's office as to whether the proposal from the Smith Mountain Lake Arts Council would be an appropriate use of the property in accordance with Mr. Turner's will. We also need to know who would control the facility (State Board, College Board, etc.), what degree of control could be exercised, and by what mechanism that control would be accomplished. It was also mentioned that the College should consider reserving the power to approve/disapprove any suggestions. Dr. Downs will write a letter to obtain the suggested information.

With no further business on the agenda, Mr. Ottaway moved and Mr. Urbanski seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

5/18/00
Date

Charles Downs
Executive Secretary