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**VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LOCAL BOARD MEETING**

Minutes No. 222 January 19, 2006

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 3:30 PM in Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on Virginia Western's campus.

ROLL CALL

Members Present	Mr. Barry W. Baird (Roanoke City) Mr. Dennis R. Cronk (Roanoke City) Mr. William M. Hackworth (Roanoke City) Dr. Walter A. Hunt (City of Salem) Mr. David P. Mitchell, Jr. (Roanoke County) Mr. Richard A. Shoemaker (Franklin County) Mr. Joseph C. Thomas, Sr. (Roanoke County) Mr. Joseph B. Wright (Roanoke City) Mr. Gary Hancock (State Board Representative)
Members Absent	Mr. Randy Rakes (Botetourt County) Mr. Bill Wilcher (Craig County)
Staff Present	Ms. Marty Barnas, Program Head Nursing Mr. Dwight Blalock, VP of Financial & Administrative Services Ms. Margaret Boyes, Public Relations and Marketing Specialist Dr. John Capps, VP of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. David Hanson, Director of Institutional Research and Planning Mr. Craig Harris, Police Chief Ms. Anne Kornegay, Dean of Natural Science and Mathematics Ms. Tara Nepper, Administrative Assistant Dr. Robert H. Sandel, President Dr. Chuck Terrell, VP Workforce Development Mr. Kevin Witter, Facilities Management

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Baird, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Mr. Baird thanked everyone in attendance and advised the board that Will Davis has accepted a position in Chesterfield County, Virginia and will no longer serve on the board. The vacancy created will be filled by a representative of Roanoke County.

Mr. Baird congratulated the college on the recent 40th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Baird was impressed with the excellent representation of Virginia Western.

Mr. Baird encouraged board members to attend graduation on May 12 and the annual State Board meeting in November.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Mr. Hancock expressed his gratitude in being invited to the board meeting and relayed his thoughts on this year's legislative session. Mr. Hancock encouraged board members to contact their local representatives in support of keeping community college building funds in the governor's budget. Mr. Hancock addressed the issue of a 4-year institution in the Martinsville area. He stated that funding for a new 4-year college would take funds away from the existing state-run schools in need of additional funding. These issues need to be worked out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, Minutes No. 221 from the regular meeting of September 15, 2005, were approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. John Capps presented a list of proposed memberships of the Curriculum Advisory Committees. He informed the board that appointees are recommended by the Deans and faculty in the respective divisions, and these committees provide a vital link between the college and the communities the college serves. These committee members provide guidance to the needs of prospective employers as well as evolving trends and equipment in the marketplace.

On a motion by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Cronk, the board unanimously approved the Curriculum Advisory Committees as presented.

Dr. Capps stated that the college has offered a number of programs titled 'tracks' which are being changed to 'specializations'. In addition, various IT programs are being restructured in an effort to create curricula which reflect the changing needs of the job demands in our service area. A new GIS specialization is being added in order to allow high school students to take dual enrollment classes in GIS and effortlessly follow into a GIS certificate following graduation. Revised IT programs allow flexibility changes in a number of electives and also the addition of new Career Studies programs that require 29 or fewer credits. Students will be able to receive certification necessary to find employment, and then they will be able to return to the college if desired to complete the degree process. This is an effort to improve retention and improve areas so students will want to complete the degree process. This also will help the college meet Dateline 2009 goals. A breakdown of the changes and reorganization is as follows:

Fire Science

Eliminate Fire Science Track in General Studies

Add Fire Science Track in Social Sciences

Management

Eliminate Produce and Operations Track in Management

Change Banking and Finance Track to Banking and Finance Specialization in Management

Change Marketing Track to Marketing Specialization in Management

Architectural/Civil Engineering Technology

Add Geographical Information Systems Specialization

Add Geographic Information Systems Career Exploration Career Studies Certificate

Information Systems Technology

Revise A.A.S. degree in Information Systems Technology

Eliminate Programming and Database Specialization

Eliminate Network Specialization

- Eliminate Internet Graphics and Programming Specialization
- Add Computer Graphics and Internet Programming Career Studies Certificate
- Add .NET and Database Administrator Career Studies Certificate
- Add E-Commerce Computer Application Development Career Studies Certificate
- Add Help Desk Technician Career Studies Certificate
- Eliminate iSeries Career Studies Certificate
- Eliminate CISCO CCNA+Microsoft MCSA Career Studies Certificate

On a motion by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Cronk, the board unanimously approved the curricular changes.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Mr. Dwight Blalock advised the board that the locality budget request has been prepared for the new year. The funds from this request to the localities go into scholarships to graduating seniors enrolling at VWCC. The funds requested from each locality are based on student headcount, real estate value and population of each individual area. For this year the funds represent a 7% increase over last year.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, the board unanimously approved the scholarship funding request. The board would also like to approach localities in search of larger amounts to fund more scholarships. Dr. Sandel will work with Mr. Hackworth to use Roanoke City as a pilot as it is the next locality having a budget meeting.

Mr. Blalock presented information on the effects at VWCC of the Governor's budget. The college outlay will see a substantial increase in funding to keep up with mandated programs. The Governor's budget also contains capital outlay funding for a new Natural Science and Health Technology building. After reviewing estimates for both renovating and replacing the building there was little difference. VCCS representatives concluded a new building would best suit the growing health technology and natural science needs of this area. Dr. Sandel praised the efforts of Anne Kornegay, Dwight Blalock and Kevin Witter in providing valuable documentation which helped to move this process along.

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Dr. David Hanson presented enrollment figures by jurisdiction of student residence.

ALLIED HEALTH

Ms. Kornegay provided information on VCCS recommendations as the result of the Taskforce Report on Nursing commissioned by the VCCS and the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association. Currently, VWCC is above the curve in the area of nursing retention. Enrollment in the nursing program has increased from 50 in 2003 to 110 student slots. VWCC is also ahead in private-public partnerships, enrollment, and salary. Among other advantages, the college's nursing program offers students the opportunity to work with a simulator program that no other nursing program in central Virginia offers.

The statewide impact of the nursing program enrollment on the health care needs of the community will be notable in two to four years. Current retention efforts of the college are being used as a model for the statewide taskforce. Nursing advisors and faculty provide continuous and structured contact with students to ensure student success. Currently there are approximately 400-500 students who are taking other courses on campus in order to be prepared to apply to the nursing program. A new 2-credit course has been developed for interested students to take during the

Summer session to give potential nursing student applicants a clear picture of the nursing field.

Ms. Marty Barnas reported on the chancellor's 13 recommendations from the taskforce report on the VCCS and VA health care association.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kevin Witter introduced Chief Craig Harris, VWCC Campus Police Chief. Chief Harris credits the campus' low crime rate to the current officers, who work continuously to provide open communication with the faculty, staff and students.

Mr. Witter provided an update of the construction progress of Webber Hall. Webber Hall will have state-of-the-art classrooms, 36,000 sf renovation, an addition of 13,000sf, a two-story atrium and additional student space. The building has been designed with students in mind. Construction is moving at a fast pace and all is going as planned at this stage.

Student Services staff will begin moving into renovated Chapman Hall in May. This move will enable students to have all services in one area as well as easier parking. Renovations on Craig and Duncan Halls are scheduled to be completed mid-summer.

RESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sandel introduced Ms. Margaret Boyes as the college's new Public Relations Coordinator. Ms. Boyes is a great addition to our first-class team.

Dr. Sandel expressed his appreciation to the local board, state board and chancellor for their help in moving the college and the system forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

APPROVED:

Date

Robert H. Sandel