

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES #5

FEBRUARY 8, 1967

The Local Advisory Board of Virginia Western Community College met at 4:30 P.M. at the college on Wednesday, February 8, 1967, with Vice-Chairman Henry E. Thomas presiding. Other members of the Board who were present were: Basil Watkins, Dr. F. B. Wolfe, S. Colston Snead Jr., Barton W. Morris Jr., Mrs. Hunter M. Painter, W. Darnall Vinyard, and Paul R. Thomson.

Also in attendance were members of the General Assembly. They were: State Senators William Hopkins of Roanoke, Hale Collins of Covington, and James Turk of Radford; Delegates Willis M. Anderson and M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, John Hagen and Robert W. Speerard of Roanoke County, George Kostel of Clifton Forge, Russell Davis of Rocky Mount, Archie Campbell of Wytheville, and Garnett Moore of Pulaski.

The meeting was called to review the college's proposed building program with the members of the General Assembly. Mr. Thomas indicated that the college will need an additional eight or nine million dollars in capital outlay funds to complete its building program between 1968 and 1974 to accommodate an anticipated enrollment of 4,000 students by 1974. He said that unless the state does provide the funds there would be the possibility that some students would be turned away for lack of space. He stated that he felt the intent of the community college bill was to provide every youth in Virginia with the opportunity for a college education.

Dr. McKenzie praised the General Assembly for their wisdom in creating the community college system. Mr. Harry C. Race, Dean of the Technical-Occupational Division of the college, led a tour of the facilities. Mr. John Chappellear of Randolph Frantz and John Chappellear Architects, with the aid of Frank H. Hill Jr. of Smithey and Boynton Architects, reviewed the master plan and the preliminary drawings for the four buildings to be put under construction this summer. It is hoped that bids on the buildings will be advertised in June and that construction will begin in July.

Mr. Snead moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be approved. The motion was seconded, and it passed.

The meeting was adjourned, and a dinner followed at the Shenandoah Club.