

MINUTES NO. 6

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

April 18, 1967

The Local Advisory Board of Virginia Western Community College met on April 18, 1967 at 3:30 P. M. in the Conference Room of Shenandoah Life Insurance Company.

William S. Russell, Chairman of the Advisory Board, presided. Other board members present were Mrs. Hunter M. Painter, Messrs. Paul R. Thomson, Henry E. Thomas, and Barton W. Morris, Jr. Also in attendance were Dr. Dana B. Hamel, Director, State Department of Community Colleges, Gordon Willis, Member, State Board for Community Colleges, and Dr. Travis M. McKenzie, President of the College.

This meeting was called in order that Dr. Hamel might ascertain the feeling of the group with regard to the site for the proposed buildings and campus for Virginia Western Community College. This matter was discussed at some length with all board members participating, each stating that the present site at 3098 Colonial Avenue, S. W. and adjacent acreage is acceptable and the most suitable site available on which to construct the proposed buildings and further develop the Virginia Western campus.

On the authority of the unanimous consensus of the Local Advisory Board, Mr. Russell directed Dr. Hamel to proceed with plans to develop the campus of Virginia Western Community College on the site presently being used by the institution, approximately half of which is on the north side of the 3000 block of Colonial Avenue in southwest Roanoke, Virginia and the remainder on the south side of the same avenue. The northern half of the property was deeded to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the State Department for Community Colleges by the University of Virginia. The southern portion was deeded to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the State Department for Community Colleges by Virginia Polytechnic Institute which had been operating Roanoke Technical Institute on this site since 1961. (Deeds to the property mentioned above are recorded in Deed Book 1209, p. 599, City of Roanoke, 35.0 acres deeded by the Board of Visitors of The University of Virginia to the Commonwealth of Virginia, State Board for Community Colleges, July 1, 1966 and in Deed Book 1212, p. 408, City of Roanoke, two parcels consisting of 16.23 and 18.23 acres deeded by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute to the Commonwealth of Virginia, State Board for Community Colleges, July 1, 1966.)

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A committee comprising Mr. Barton Morris, Jr., Chairman, Mrs. Hunter Painter, and Mr. Basil Watkins was appointed in December to secure a speaker for the college's commencement exercise. Mr. Morris reported that Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor, The Commonwealth of Virginia, will be the speaker on June 10 for this first commencement exercise of the college. Mr. Morris then asked Dr. Hamel to introduce Governor Godwin for that address; this Dr. Hamel consented to do.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P. M.



Travis M. McKenzie  
Secretary

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Minutes approved

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