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VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

September 11, 1967

The Local Advisory Board of Virginia Western Community College met on September 11, 1967 at 8:00 p. m. in the Administration Building at the college.

Mr. William S. Russell, Chairman of the Advisory Board, presided. Other members present were Mrs. Hunter M. Painter, Messrs. Barton Morris, S. Colston Snead, Henry E. Thomas, W. D. Vinyard, Basil Watkins, and Dr. F. B. Wolfe. Also present were Mr. Garry Clay and college administrators, Mr. S. R. Crockett, Dr. E. Joseph Scrafford, and Dr. Travis M. McKenzie.

Agenda for this meeting included: (1). Faculty housing, (2). The administration and responsibility for student activities fund, and (3). Matching funds for NDEA student loan funds.

It was revealed that Messrs. Russell, Thomas, Crockett, and McKenzie had met with Mr. Garry Clay, a local architect and prospective part-time faculty members, following casual conversations regarding the college's acute problem in obtaining housing for incoming faculty. The seriousness of the problem of locating suitable housing for the faculty was brought out - many of the 35 new faculty members have families; and houses with three bedrooms are almost impossible to rent in the Roanoke area. Dr. Scrafford, Mr. Crockett, and Dr. McKenzie shared some of their experiences and the point was made that this could prove vital in obtaining high caliber faculty since it is often a decisive factor of a prospective faculty member. Mr. Crockett told of some of his experiences with a housing program which proved feasible at Clinch Valley. Mr. Clay presented some considered thoughts with regard to developing the finger of land on the back of the northern portion of the Virginia Western campus into a faculty housing project - this land ranges from 350 ft. at the lower end to 450 ft. at the upper end and is approximately 950 ft. in length. Details were incomplete but it was suggested that, if such a housing project could be effected, in addition to providing housing for our faculty this could contribute to payment of a Virginia Western presidential home which might enable the president to perform adequately those functions traditionally expected of the position. The potential expenditure for this program including the presidential home is \$803,800. Mr. Clay told the group that possibly the income from these units would provide for a self-liquidating program, i.e., the amortization of the loan and the support of the president's home.

Representative of the Board's feeling was Mr. Watkins statement, "If we don't provide something of this nature, we will always be faced with the problem of getting and keeping adequate faculty. This project, in total, seems like a very good idea to me."

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Mr. Henry Thomas suggested that if the Board favors this plan it would seem appropriate to appoint a committee to get in touch with those persons with whom we need to be in contact on matters of this nature before presenting this issue to the State Board for Community Colleges. Mr. Vinyard moved that Mr. Russell appoint a committee to study the financial feasibility and procedures of implementing this plan. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Russell named the committee: Mr. S. Colston Snead, Chairman, Mr. Barton Morris, and Dr. Travis McKenzie.

Mr. Russell read a June 29 memorandum from the Virginia Department of Community Colleges relative to the administration of the student activities fund. He stated his feeling that the Local Board should not be involved in matters of this nature and that the president and his business manager should be responsible for the student activities fund. It was generally felt that the supervision of such a fund is not a function of the Advisory Board. Mr. Thomas moved that the administration of the student activities fund be vested with the college president with the understanding that he will be responsible for carrying out the program in accordance with state regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snead; motion passed unanimously.

An August 21 memorandum from Fred O'Connell, Associate Director of State Department of Community Colleges, was brought to the attention of the group. In this memorandum, it was stated that funds from the state budget cannot be applied as the 1/9 institutional share of NDEA loans. The State Board has delegated to the Local Advisory Board the responsibility for eliciting community participation in program planning and development through financial contributions from local agencies. The Local Advisory Board welcomed this opportunity, and each member present assumed the responsibility for contacting civic groups in his respective community. Mr. Morris will contact Lions Club and investigate the possibility of securing funds from the Thurman Foundation; Mr. Thomas will contact the Roanoke Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club; Mr. Snead, Salem Civic groups; Mr. Vinyard, Vinton organizations; Dr. Wolfe, Rocky Mount groups; Mrs. Painter, Troutville; Mr. Watkins, New Castle. They were asked to report to Dr. McKenzie and to earmark these funds for NDEA.

The first faculty session of the 1967-68 Academic Year will be held on September 20, 1967. The board chairman, Mr. Russell, has made possible a luncheon for the faculty and staff on that day. Members of the Local Advisory Board were invited to attend this luncheon at Loch Haven Lodge at 12:00 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.



ed Travis M. McKenzie, Secretary

Minutes approved