

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MINUTES #82

(Draft copy not yet approved by the Board)

The Virginia Western Community College Board met Friday, May 25, 1979, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fishburn Hall Conference Room at the College.

PRESENT: Mr. Warner Dalhouse, Chairman
Mr. Charles Jennings, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Betty Chaney
Mrs. Caroline Etzler
Mr. Maury Strauss
Mrs. Lillian Utecht
Dr. Frank Wolfe

Opening the meeting, Mr. Dalhouse asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 21 Board meeting. After a motion by Mr. Strauss, a second by Mrs. Etzler, the Board approved the minutes as recorded.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Dalhouse asked Mrs. Chaney to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee to recommend a chairman and vice chairman of the Board for 1979-80. Mrs. Etzler and Mr. Russell will also serve on the committee, which will present their nominees at the September Board meeting.

PRESIDENT REPORTS:

JOGGING TRACK

Displaying a drawing of the proposed plantings of trees and shrubs bordering the jogging track, Dr. Hopper asked for the Board's recommendations. The group approved the landscaping plan, which will include a future students' garden plot area. The jogging track was officially opened Tuesday, May 22, and it is hoped that the community will also enjoy using the track.

TARGET BUDGET

Using overhead charts to demonstrate Virginia Western's growth and productivity rate over the years, Dr. Hopper explained the serious implications that the Secretary of Education's target budgets would impose on the College. The 1979-80 target budget would force VWCC to reduce the present 130 faculty positions, for which contracts have been issued, to 116 -- a loss of 14 full-time teaching faculty positions. (The classified and administrative staffs are within the budget guidelines.) In addition, several new programs already approved could not be offered and low enrollment programs would have to be canceled. The President noted that the formula used by

the Secretary of Education failed to take into consideration the high productivity of several community colleges -- Virginia Western ranked second to Northern Virginia in this category -- thus penalizing those institutions demonstrating the best performances. Also, the predicted 3% increase in enrollment was ignored in the formula.

Mr. Blalock is preparing a factual letter to be sent to delegates/senators requesting their support to act in our behalf to restore funds necessary to continue our programs.

RADIO STATION

Dr. Hopper announced that WVWR will be permitted to begin the process of accepting sponsorships for radio programs.

GREENHOUSE

Working drawings are being finalized for the solar greenhouse project.

BRIDGE BUILDING

The working drawings for the over-the-road building should be ready by January 1980 for presentation to the Legislature. In anticipation of VWCC being awarded capital outlay money for this new building, a temporary roof will be installed on the occupational/technical building, as part of the bridge building will become the third floor of the O/T building.

VOLUNTEERS

A Women's Center is being planned and interviews for a part-time coordinator's position are being scheduled. Plans are to establish various volunteer services to assist women in their search for career planning and education.

SPRING ENROLLMENT

An update on enrollment figures was distributed to those present, which indicated a 21% increase in head count and a 10% FTE increase this spring quarter over spring quarter 1978.

FINE ARTS GALLERY

After a recommendation that the new art gallery be named "Painter Gallery" in honor of Mrs. Viola W. Painter, a former Board member and educator, Mr. Jennings moved that this be accepted, Mrs. Etzler

seconded the motion and the Board approved establishing "Painter Gallery." The Gallery will be officially opened May 29 at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Painter planning to attend the ceremonies.

OCCUPATIONAL/TECHNICAL BUILDING

Governor Dalton has been invited to attend the dedication of the O/T building in January. Mr. Dalhouse read a letter received from the Governor's office stating that Governor Dalton would respond to the invitation upon his return from the Far East.

PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mr. Dalhouse presented the President's Discretionary Fund for March, April, and May expenditures. Upon a motion by Mrs. Etzler that \$85.86 be restored to this fund to return it to the \$500 balance, and a second from Dr. Wolfe, the Board approved this action.

FOOD MANAGEMENT LAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE


A list of proposed members to serve on the Food Management Lay Advisory Committee was presented for the Board's approval. After a motion made by Mrs. Chaney, a second by Mr. Jennings, the Board approved this committee.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

Dr. Hopper advised that Board members are allowed reimbursement for mileage traveled to attend Board meetings if they wish to submit mileage reports--Dr. Hopper will prepare a letter informing each member of this allowance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. and Dr. Hopper escorted the group on a tour of the Fine Arts Building, the HRIM lab and the art gallery.

APPROVED:



Harold H. Hopper
Executive Secretary



Date