

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MINUTES #92

The Virginia Western Community College Board met in special session Thursday, October 23, 1980, at 4 p.m. in the Fishburn Hall Conference Room on the North Campus.

PRESENT: Mr. Edward G. Booth
Mr. Warner N. Dalhouse, Chairman
Mrs. Sylvia Faw
Dr. Warren L. Moorman
Mrs. Janine Stone
Mr. Richard M. Watson

ABSENT: Mr. Willis M. Anderson
Mrs. Caroline Etzler
Mr. William S. Russell (attended close of meeting)
Mr. Maury Strauss
Mrs. Lillian Utecht

GUESTS: Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Financial and Administrative Services
Mr. James McCabe, Administrative Assistant to the President
Mrs. Dottie Mock, Secretary
Mrs. Dolores Moore, Public Information Officer
Dr. Paul Pullen, Dean of Instruction
Mr. James Hooven, Co-Chairman, VWCC Presidential Interview Committee
Mr. Richard Benjamin, TV Channel 10
Mr. Wayne Deel, Roanoke Times and World-News
Mr. Roger Fowler, WVWR-FM
Ms. Eugenia Halsley, TV Channel 7
Mr. Charles Hite, Roanoke Times and World-News
Ms. Lori Kenyon, WSLC Radio

Mr. Dalhouse called the special meeting of the Board to order, expressed his appreciation to the members for their attendance, and declared a quorum present. The Chairman called for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Watson made a motion that the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel issues as authorized by Section 2.1-344, subparagraph two, of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone, and the Board members present unanimously approved this action. All staff members and guests were excused from the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Returning to open session at 4:40 p.m., the Chairman advised that the Board had been discussing a personnel matter concerning

Dr. Paul R. Heath and the presidency of VWCC. Mr. Dalhouse reported that due to serious family medical problems which have developed since his being offered the position, Dr. Heath will be unable to accept the presidential position at VWCC. Mr. Dalhouse relayed Dr. Heath's feelings of sadness and regret that he would not be able to accept the position offered to him in September.

The Chairman advised that the other finalist candidate for the position, Dr. Charles L. Downs, also qualified under all of the VWCC and VCCS interview procedures and was certified by the State Board and the VCCS Presidential Selection Committee.

Mr. Dalhouse asked for the Board members' recommendations as to whether to readvertise for the presidential position or to offer the position to Dr. Downs. In talking with representatives of the administrative and faculty screening committees earlier in the day, Mr. Dalhouse reported that Dr. Downs has their full support. Mr. Booth made a motion that the VWCC presidential position be offered to Dr. Charles L. Downs. The motion was seconded by Dr. Moorman, and the Board members present unanimously approved this action. Mr. Dalhouse will advise the Chancellor of the Board's recommendation.

Speaking on behalf of the VWCC Presidential Interview Committee, Mr. Hooven added that Dr. Downs has their full support.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Board members for their continued concern and dedication in resolving important matters confronting the Board.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

APPROVED:

Paul T. Pullen

Paul T. Pullen, Acting President
Executive Secretary

11/18/80

Date