

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MINUTES #96

The Virginia Western Community College Board met Tuesday, May 19, 1981, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 212, Fishburn Hall, on the North Campus of the college.

PRESENT: Mr. Warner N. Dalhouse, Chairman  
Mr. Maury L. Strauss, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Charles L. Downs, Executive Secretary  
Mr. Edward G. Booth  
Mrs. Caroline Etzler  
Mrs. Sylvia Faw  
Mrs. William S. Russell  
Mrs. Janine Stone  
Mr. Richard Watson

ABSENT: Mr. Willis M. Anderson  
Dr. Warren L. Moorman  
Mrs. Lillian Utecht

GUESTS: Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Financial/Administrative Services  
Mr. James McCabe, Administrative Assistant to the President  
Mrs. Dottie Mock, Secretary  
Mrs. Dolores Moore, Public Information Officer  
Dr. Harry Nickens, Dean of Student Services  
Mr. Mark Fryburg, Reporter, WDBJ-TV  
Mr. Gene Kapp, Reporter, WSLs-TV  
Mr. Charles Hite, Reporter, Roanoke Times & World-News  
Mr. Ted Stone, Reporter, WSLs-TV

Mr. Dalhouse called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

With commencement exercises scheduled for June 12, 1981, the Chairman suggested, for the Board's consideration, that this might be an appropriate time to inaugurate the new President. Mr. Strauss made a motion that proper inauguration ceremonies be included as part of the graduation exercises. Mrs. Faw seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Dalhouse asked Dr. Downs to structure an appropriate inauguration procedure.

2. BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Dalhouse asked for a motion relative to the minutes of the previous Board meetings. Mr. Booth made a motion that

the minutes of the March 17, 1981, Board meeting and the minutes of the May 6, 1981, Executive Committee of the Board meeting be accepted as recorded. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion, and the minutes of both meetings were approved unanimously by the Board members present.

3. ROOF REPAIRS

Mr. Blalock advised that he, Doug Nichols of the VCCS, and Mr. McCabe had interviewed three architectural firms (Smithey and Boynton; Sherertz, Franklin, Crawford, and Shaffner; and Kinsey, Shane and Associates) relative to estimates for repairing the roof of Brown Library and Fishburn Hall. It was the recommendation of the interviewing group that either Smithey and Boynton or Sherertz, Franklin, Crawford, and Shaffner be given the contract. The cost was estimated at \$5 a square foot or a total of slightly under \$60,000 if the work is started in about three months. Mr. Strauss made a motion that Smithey and Boynton be awarded the contract and that the architectural firm be encouraged to seek more than one bid, three if possible, for the repairs on the roof. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion and this action was approved unanimously by the Board.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Anderson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Russell reported that the committee recommended the nomination of Mr. Maury Strauss for Chairman and Mrs. Janine Stone for Vice Chairman of the Board for the coming fiscal year. After a motion by Mr. Watson that the nominations be closed, and a second by Mrs. Etzler, the Board unanimously approved the election of Mr. Strauss as Chairman and Mrs. Stone as Vice Chairman. Their terms of office will begin July 1, 1981.

5. WVWR-FM

Mr. Dalhouse apprised those present of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board on May 6. The Executive Committee reviewed the proposals of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Educational Foundation, Inc., and WBRA-TV relative to the transfer of the license of radio station WVWR-FM. Roanoke Memorial Hospitals had also expressed an interest in assuming the license of WVWR-FM, but later advised that they would not submit a proposal. Previously, the Virginia General Assembly mandated that the license for the station would have to be transferred to another agency by December 31, 1981, since no state funds would be allocated for its continued operation after that time.

In the Executive Committee's judgment, the VPI Educational Foundation proposal was clearly the better of the two proposals

for both VWCC and WVWR. Some of the points favoring VPI's proposal included: their strong financial base of approximately \$20 million dollars, their intentions to continue and to enhance the present news and programming format, and their intentions to allow the radio station to remain located on the VWCC campus. Considering the pros and cons of both proposals, the Executive Committee approved the following motion at the May 6 meeting for presentation to the full Board today (May 19, 1981):

The Executive Committee of the VWCC Board authorizes the President to pursue negotiations with the VPI Educational Foundation, Inc., for transfer of the license of WVWR-FM under the terms of the proposal of VPI and other considerations of this Executive Committee pursuant to presentation for a recommendation to the full Board on May 19, 1981.

As a result of the Executive Committee's motion, Mr. Dalhouse presented a resolution for the Board's consideration, which, if approved, would then be submitted to the State Board for Community Colleges, the licensee, for consideration at its May 21 meeting (see attached). Mr. Russell made a motion that the VWCC Board adopt the resolution as submitted for presentation to the State Board for Community Colleges on May 21. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and approved unanimously by those present.

6. SELF-STUDY PROGRAM TO REAFFIRM ACCREDITATION

Mrs. Moore explained the information on the Self-Study Program of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which had been distributed to the Board members. The target date for completion of the Self-Study is September 1983, but preliminary work on the project is already underway.

7. GRADUATION EXERCISES

The Chairman announced that VWCC's graduation exercises will be held Friday, June 12, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center.

8. LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BUDGET REQUESTS

Information on the status of the six locality budget requests was distributed. The requests total \$9,500 for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

9. PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATION

In accordance with the VCCS guidelines, Mr. Dalhouse advised that Dr. Downs has drawn up a set of goals and objectives to

be utilized in the Board's evaluation of the performance of the President at the end of the year. Dr. Downs will mail a copy of the goals and objectives to each of the Board members.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Charles L. Downs

Charles L. Downs, Executive Secretary

July 1, 1981

Date