

## VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD MEETING 191

The Virginia Western Community College Board met on Thursday, July 16, 1998, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room in Fishburn Hall on the North Campus of the College.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. James Arend  
Ms. Betty Corvin  
Dr. Charles Downs, Executive Secretary  
Mr. William Reid, Chair

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Margaret Grayson  
Mr. Stan Lanford  
Mr. George Logan  
Mr. Jimmy Morris  
Mr. Geoffrey Ottaway  
Mr. David Spigle  
Ms. Audrey Wheaton

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Dwight Blalock, Dean of Finance and  
Administrative Services  
Dr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President  
Ms. Brenda Shepherd, Secretary

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Reid called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He announced that Stan Lanford has been reappointed to the Board by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, and that the City of Salem has appointed George W. Logan to serve as their representative. Each will serve a four-year term beginning July 1, 1998.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 1998, BOARD MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Arend and seconded by Ms. Corvin that:**

**The VWCC Board approve the minutes of the May 21, 1998, meeting as written.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

**3. EDUCATION CENTER AT GREENFIELD**

Dr. Mark Emick, Assistant to the President, provided an overview of the proposed Greenfield training facility in Botetourt County. He noted that VWCC was approached by Botetourt County to participate in the proposed facility that will be a collaborative effort among Virginia Western, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Botetourt County Government, and Botetourt County Schools. The Center is intended to contribute to the expansion of business and industry training and development throughout the Blue Ridge Region and will house state-of-the-art training and development programs with an emphasis on information technology and work keys assessment. Virginia Western has been asked to oversee program integration in the facility and to coordinate training initiatives among collaborating colleges and surrounding communities. He noted that Virginia Western is making application to the VCCS for a workforce development coordinator grant that would provide for overseeing the programming within the facility.

**A motion was made by Mr. Arend and seconded by Ms. Corvin that:**

**The VWCC Board endorse Virginia Western's participation in the collaboration regarding the Greenfield Training Facility and advocates that Virginia Western supply a Workforce Development Coordinator provided the VCCS approves Virginia Western's grant application.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

**4. THOMAS CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**

Dr. Emick provided historical information regarding our associations with Old Dominion University and with Radford University. He reminded the Board members that the Old Fine Arts Building is being renovated to house these programs. The building will be dedicated in the fall (tentative date is September 14) in honor of A.

Victor Thomas, Roanoke's representative to the Virginia House of Delegates who has been instrumental in acquiring funds for the college.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Downs provided information regarding Virginia Western's Distance Learning classes, Weekend College classes, Center for Business, Industry, and Technology programs, off-campus classes, and our traditional courses.

With no further business on the agenda, Ms. Corvin moved and Mr. Arend seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

9/17/98  
Date

Charles H. Downs  
Executive Secretary