

Vice presidencies created

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WPCC reorganizing

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Western Piedmont Community College trustees created three new vice presidencies Monday night and approved a preliminary expansion budget totaling more than \$610,000.

Approval of the three vice presidencies completes the second phase of an administrative reshuffling begun last year by the college's third president, Dr. Wilmon H. Droze, and the 12-member board of trustees.

During a two-hour, closed-door session Monday night the trustees' executive committee approved Droze's request, which resulted in a staff increase of one-half of a position. New positions approved are vice presidents of affairs. Two current positions, administrative assistant to the president and the half-time job of information coordinator, were merged to create a new job, assistant to the president.

No increase in local funds is required for the changes, effective July 1, according to Droze. Instead local supplements previously paid by the county commissioners

will be reallocated among the new positions.

Two of the three vice presidencies will be filled by existing personnel, with Business Manager Ken Clark assuming the fiscal affairs role and Dean of Student Services Nancy Moore stepping into the student services vice presidency. The third job, academic affairs, will be filled through recruitment. Droze said the board wants to hire someone with a doctorate, five to 10 years of experience in higher education administration and an understanding of the community college system and its workings at the state level. Current WPCC employees could apply for the job.

Filling the newly created position of assistant to the president will be Alex Huppe, currently part-time information coordinator and English instructor. Administrative Assistant Rubye Rozelle will transfer to another college position, Droze indicated.

Clark's assistant, Bob Small, will take the business manager's position, with Betty Whitaker as comptroller. James Reed will continue as director of admissions and registration, Earl Duncan as director of financial aid,

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Harold Olsen as dean of curriculum programs, Richard Greene as dean of continuing education, and Ed Chapman as evening program director.

Instead of departments, there will be seven divisions: business, communications and fine arts, engineering sciences, health sciences, social sciences and natural sciences.

All developmental studies programs are to be consolidated under Greene, including the learning lab, previously part of the learning resource center (library). Droze called this the first step in creation of a "developmental studies center."

Clark and Moore are to receive supplements of \$3,255 each; the academic affairs vice president, \$3,720. Other proposed supplements are Olsen and Greene, \$1,995 each, and Droze, his current supplement of \$17,145.

The new director of the library will not receive a supplement. The next person hired is not expected to have the experience or community college tenure of Margaret Fulk, who retires in June. The evening program position carries no supplement.

While the administrative reorganization makes no new demands on the county budget, the need for more classroom space for WPCC does.

As of mid-August, the college loses its rent-free use of the Morganton Junior High School annex because the public schools need the space back. This leaves the college needing space for Human Resources Development, Adult Basic Education and other programs.

The college is asking the county to finance rental of the old Skyland Textile Day Care Center, now owned by Midland-Ross.

Moving to the new facility will require an additional \$18,233 in the budget, including a rent of \$10,000.

Increased college maintenance costs due to the addition of classroom and lab space on the main campus will add another \$16,196 to the general operating budget.

The general fund, or operating budget, requested by the college totals \$400,635 this year compared to the \$348,915 received last year.

WPCC also will ask the county commissioners for \$209,825 this year in capital improvement funds. The

figure represents one year of the college's proposed \$683,000 five-year capital program.

Close to half the figure represents an unusual request, ranked 13 among 13 long-range priorities set by the college: \$100,000 each year for the next five years to use as seed money to attract federal, state and private funds for growth, such as new classrooms, a gym and auditorium.

The college is asking for the money because funds generated from the original construction bond have been depleted. From an original bond issue of \$1,000,000, the college has developed a \$4.8 million campus.

Taking top priority on the capital improvement list for the coming year is \$12,500 for improvement of the campus fire alarm system.

The current manual fire alarm system would be replaced with an automatic system that not only alerts the fire department and college officials that a fire has broken out, but also identifies where the fire is located, according to Business Manager Ken Clark.

While insurance would cover rebuilding a facility lost to fire, no funds are available to buy space for classwork to continue during rebuilding, trustees pointed out. Under the current system, school officials must alert the fire department in case of fire. If no one is on campus, the fire department might not know of a fire's existence in time to save the building.

Other priorities include roof restoration, \$14,500; new and replacement vehicles, \$17,200; classroom renovations, \$2,500; replacement of drapes with blinds, \$4,500; sealing parking lots, \$4,125; and purchase and installation of a kilowatt control demand limiter, \$9,200; a leaf sweeper, \$3,800; storage building, \$44,000; maintenance shop addition, \$12,000.

The board also approved a new food service contract with Piedmont Vending Co. of Hickory, to provide both continuous vending machine service and plate meals at noon and evening hours. Piedmont Vending representative Rick Speagle attended the meeting.

Executive committee members accepted a report outlining a proposed pay plan for classified employees such as secretaries, custodial and maintenance workers. The full board will discuss the plan May 4.

The executive committee acts for the full board between its regular quarterly meetings.