

Security guard added at last minute to college request

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The Western Piedmont Community College board of trustees Monday night approved a 1986-87 county budget request of \$858,880. The request, a 28 percent increase from present funding, now will be forwarded to county commissioners.

But before the request was finalized, trustees increased the budget proposal from their finance committee to include a security guard for the college.

In a letter to county commissioners, Western Piedmont President Jim Richardson expressed concern that the college now has no

security officers, calling the situation "a major concern."

Campus security, an item totaling \$58,000, originally was cut from the budget proposal to hold down costs.

However trustee Allen Fullwood, saying the campus security budget item had been in the budget request for the past two years, said safety was a critical issue. "How can we decide we can do without it?" he asked.

Richardson, responding to a question from Fullwood, said the college could be liable if a student or faculty member got hurt.

After an executive session, trustee William Kendall offered an amendment to the budget proposal to add \$19,400 for a security guard for

one shift. The amendment passed unanimously.

The budget proposal lists \$667,880 for the county's share of current operating expenses, an increase of 8.1 percent from the current fiscal year, and \$191,000 for the capital outlay budget, an increase of \$140,500.

The budget request calls for \$160,000 for water and electricity costs. "Last year we had to go back to the commissioners and ask for \$55,000 more and we don't want to do that this year," said Martha Hemphill, trustee finance committee chairwoman. The figure reflects a projected 8 percent rate increase by the city of Morganton.

In addition, the request calls for a 3 percent

merit raise for a third of the college maintenance staff.

A local salary supplement for the Western Piedmont president was increased in the budget request to \$8,100 from the current \$7,716.

The capital improvement project request includes for building and repair \$10,000 for energy conservation; \$5,500 for a campus sign system, \$14,000 for tennis court repair, \$5,000 for firing range repair and \$20,000 for a carpentry shop addition. Also included are roof replacements for Moore, Patton and E buildings, a storage building and parking lot repairs.

The board also requested \$22,092 for the

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Morganton-Burke Senior Center, which is operated by the college.

In other matters, Clark told trustees that Western Piedmont had a 16 percent increase in enrollment for fall quarter.

However, almost all state institutions experienced some kind of enrollment growth, and as a result

Western Piedmont received only \$14,077 for the increase. "It is a very small portion of what we should have gotten," Clark said.

The board also approved a request for educational leave with pay for the following faculty members: Linda S. Summey and David McGee, June 1-Aug. 31, to attend Appalachian State University to begin work on a master of business administra-

tion degrees; Richard Lumb, June 23-July 11, to complete a prospectus for a doctoral degree at Florida State University; Cheryl Oxford, June 5-July 11, to be in residence for five weeks at Northwestern University to work with her dissertation committee chairman; Dick Hawes, June 1-Aug. 31, to take course work in environmental science; and Ralph Soney and Grady Church, June 1-July 15, to participate in a Fulbright-Hayes academic program in the Middle East.

Also, Fred Bayley, May 19-June 26, to complete residency requirements for a master's degree in adult and community college education at N.C. State University; Larry Garrison, June 10-Aug. 1, to attend Appalachian State taking four courses toward an education specialist degree in human development and psychological counseling; and Vanessa Padgett, May 26-July 25, to attend Appalachian State's Kellogg Institute for the training and certification of developmental education and to take additional coursework toward a master of art degree in higher education/developmental studies.