

WPCC trustees change name, meeting slate

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The Western Piedmont Community College board of trustees completed a task on Thursday which has been hanging over their heads for several months.

The trustees updated their official bylaws, which involved everything from establishing a regular monthly meeting time to correcting grammatical errors.

The group has been talking about the chore since the spring of 1989, and later decided to tackle the task during a retreat meeting held Thursday at the school's Phifer Learning Resource Center.

"It's terrible," said Board Chairman Claude Sitton as he talked earlier about the task of reworking the format, getting rid of sexist references and adding rules from the North Carolina general statutes.

"It's one of those things you have to do," he said.

But the board finally completed



Sitton

the task in Thursday's meeting, resulting in some changes for the future.

The official name of the group was changed from the Board of Trustees of Western Piedmont Community College to The Trustees of Western Piedmont Community College.

Also, the trustees established a regular meeting time of 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month on the college campus, with the provision that the group's chair could name other days, times or places for regular meetings.

In the old bylaws, the only regular meeting was the group's annual meeting in November, which the trustees changed to an annual September meeting.

As for the trustees, themselves, they no longer will be limited to serving two terms.

In the new bylaws, a trustee's term will be set according to whatever current regulations the North Carolina Legislature has established at the time.

They will also be allowed to serve after they reach age 75, following the deletion of the age requirement.

The roles of the board chair and

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vice chair were changed to correspond to the current board practice of having those two people serve as ex officio, or non-voting members of all standing committees, except for the executive committee.

The role of a trustee committee was defined as a group which will

be, "created to study, to formulate proposals, and to report recommendations to the Board."

This definition was given in order to avoid having committees vote on issues unless they have been authorized to do so by the full group of trustees.

Bylaws for the WPCC trustees

were first adopted in Feb., 1965. A revised and approved edition was established in Aug., 1982, and the third addition approved by the trustees Thursday went into effect on Thursday.

The next meeting for the trustees will be a retreat meeting from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the school's Phifer Learning Resource Center.