

MINUTES  
BOARD OF CONTROL  
Regular Formal Session  
Board of Control Room, Third Floor Wickes Hall  
May 5, 2012  
8:00 a.m.

Present: Carmona, S.  
Ferguson, C.  
Gamez, D.  
Gilbertson, E.  
Martin, J.  
Velasquez, J.  
Wilson, L.  
Yantz, J.

Absent: Abbs, D.

Others  
Present:

Bachand, D.	Mudd, B.
Barens, N.	Muladore, J.
Bethune, A	Press
Boehm, J.	Ramet, C.
Brandimore, M.	Rousseau, J.
Crainer, B.	Teed, P.
Dwyer, J.	Thompson, R.
Garcia, R.	Thorns, M.
Hamilton, G.	VanFleteren, E.
Kowaleski, M.	Wilson, S.
Lane, R.	Yaros, T.

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF CONTROL  
MAY 5, 2012  
REGULAR FORMAL SESSION  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

A. Approval of Agenda and Additions to and Deletions from Agenda

There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda.

The agenda was APPROVED as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2012 Regular Formal Session

**It was moved and supported that the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Regular Formal Session be approved.**

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

C. Recognition of Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Professor Robert Lane, President of the Faculty Association, commented on how the SVSU campus has changed over the years. Professor Lane stated: Through the years, it has remained “a wonderful place to be. . . it is a happy campus, a lively campus, a vibrant campus and it is a beautiful campus. There are many people who commit themselves to this institution and I just want to give kudos to their effort – it does not go unnoticed.”

(Trustee Wilson joined the meeting at 8:11 a.m.)

D. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

- Mr. Roberto Garcia, Staff Member of the Month for April, was introduced to the Board. (See Appendix One: Garcia.)
- Mr. Bryan Crainier, Associate Director of Retention for First Year Programs, introduced Nicole Barends and Emily VanFleteren to the Board. Ms. Barends and Ms. VanFleteren are members of the “Forever Red” student/alumni group.

Mr. Crainier stated that "Forever Red" is a student/alumni group designed to create a network where students act as ambassadors to promote personal and professional development. “Forever Red” assists in philanthropic efforts to make the SVSU experience a positive one, with the anticipation of ultimately "creating a legacy of Red Pride." Mr. Crainier noted that there are currently 15 members in the group.

- Dr. Donald Bachand, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Paul Teed, professor of history, to the Board. Professor Teed was named Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year by the Presidents Council State Universities of Michigan. Each of the 15 public universities in Michigan nominated one faculty member for the distinguished professor of the year award. Professor Teed joined the SVSU faculty in 1997.
- President Gilbertson congratulated Mr. Ted Goodman, Student Association President, on his re-election.

### **III. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Resolution to Grant Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

RES-1962     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University is granted the authority to confer undergraduate and graduate degrees as outlined in Section 5 of Public and Local Acts of Michigan 1965; and**

**WHEREAS, Operating Policy 3.101 Article III of the Board reserves to the Board the authority to grant degrees;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University approves the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees at the May 5, 2012 Commencement as certified by the faculty and Registrar.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Motion to Establish Board of Control Meeting Schedule for 2012-2013

BM-1125     **It was moved and supported that the attached Board of Control meeting schedule for 2012-2013 be adopted. (See Appendix Two: Schedule.)**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Elect Officers of the Board of Control

RES-1963     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control Bylaws stipulate that a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board to recommend candidates for each office;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nominating Committee of Jenee Velasquez, Leola Wilson, and Jerome Yantz submit for election the following slate of officers of the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control for 2012-2013.**

**Chair: David J. Abbs  
Vice Chair: Jeffrey T. Martin  
Secretary: Leola Wilson  
Treasurer: Cathy W. Ferguson**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Curtiss Hall Chillers and Cooling Tower Replacement

RES-1964 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The Finance and Audit Committee discusses and considers various capital projects; and,  
WHEREAS, It has been determined that the chillers and cooling tower which provide cooling to Curtiss Hall are in need of replacement; and  
WHEREAS, Sufficient financial resources are available from capital project reserves to fund this project;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes the President or the Executive Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs to enter into contracts for replacement of the chillers and cooling tower with a budget not to exceed \$875,000.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Approve Expansion of Campus Wireless Internet Services

RES-1965 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**Whereas, SVSU currently offers wireless internet service in limited areas of campus; and,  
Whereas, The proliferation of portable computing and communication devices has created a demand by students, staff and visitors for wider wireless internet access throughout the campus; and,  
Whereas, The University has developed an implementation plan to provide wireless coverage to a broader expanse of campus;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control hereby authorizes the President or the Executive Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs to execute contracts in support of this effort with a project budget not to exceed \$400,000.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

**IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. Report on Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools

Mr. Joseph Rousseau, Director of School and University Partnerships, reviewed the attached Ad Hoc Committee Report.

BM-1126      **It was moved and supported that the attached report be approved.**  
(See Appendix Three: Report.)

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

**V. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION**

7. Motion to Move to Informal Session to Discuss SVSU Support Staff Association Contract

BM-1127      **It was moved and supported that the Board move to Informal Session to Discuss SVSU Support Staff Association Contract.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The Board moved to Informal Session at 8:40 a.m. and reconvened in Regular Formal Session at 8:55 a.m. with Board members Carmona, Ferguson, Gamez, Martin, Velasquez, Wilson, and Yantz in attendance. Also present were President Gilbertson, Dr. Carlos Ramet, Dr. Donald Bachand, Mr. James Muladore, Mr. Eugene Hamilton, Ms. Mary Kowaleski, Mr. J.J. Boehm, and Ms. Tish Yaros.

RES-1966      **It was moved and supported that the following SVSU support staff association contract resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, Representatives of the University and the SVSU Support Staff Association, MEA/NEA reached a tentative contract agreement between the University and the Association on February 22, 2012; and,**

**WHEREAS, The SVSU Support Staff Association, MEA/NEA ratified the proposed agreement on March 5, 2012;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control does hereby approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Saginaw Valley State University and the SVSU Support Staff Association, MEA/NEA covering the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

President Gilbertson thanked Ms. Tish Yaros, President of Support Staff Association, for her strong leadership and for attending the Board meeting.

**VI. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Gilbertson offered no formal remarks.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

8. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1128     **It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jeffrey T. Martin  
Vice Chairman

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Leola Wilson  
Secretary

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Mary Kowaleski  
Recording Secretary

# Roberto Garcia

Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Services • April 2012

Roberto Garcia may have left the classroom, but that doesn't mean he's quit teaching.

"Although my title might say 'assistant director of multicultural services,' that's just a title," he said. "What I am is an educator; I don't know how to be anything else."

A teacher at Bridgeport High School for 14 years, Garcia now works with SVSU's minority students and organizes Hispanic cultural events on campus. He enjoys his relationships with students the most.

"I love to work with students to guide them, to mentor them, and just to be a part of a support system for them," Garcia said. "Even though I am not practicing education as a teacher in a K-12 school, I still feel like I am engaged with students, teaching them life skills and helping with academics."

Garcia has been working to improve the retention rate of minority students at SVSU; one main focus has been in the Charter Scholarship Program.

"If the numbers hold true this year, we should have a twofold increase in retention numbers, so we're looking at 80 percent of those students coming back," Garcia said. "I'm proud of the work our office has provided for those students."

Garcia also is the adviser for the Latinos Unidos Association, a student organization which intends to raise awareness of the Latino/

Hispanic culture and to reach out to those in the community and the student body.

"Being able to work with those students and having the privilege of watching them develop into student leaders has been exciting," Garcia said. "I'm always impressed with the leadership of these Hispanic students getting involved despite all of the other things going on."

Garcia also leads by example. After finishing third and second in previous attempts, he recently won the campus-wide weight loss challenge, a victory that he now uses as a teaching tool.

"I've really used that as an example with my students," Garcia said. "If you put your mind to something and dedicate yourself to something, you can achieve whatever dream possible, even if it takes three years to get there."

A Saginaw native, Garcia received his bachelor's and master's degree from SVSU and next month he'll complete his education specialist degree. Staying close to home offers him an opportunity to give back to his community and his school.

"Saginaw Valley is a great fit for me because I'm a local product," he said. "Having access to my community as a resident has been very helpful for me in the things I want to pursue, which is to be a role model and give back to the Saginaw community."



**2012-2013**  
**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING SCHEDULE**  
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Regular Formal Sessions will be held in the Board of Control Room, Third Floor, Wickes Hall

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Monday	August 20, 2012	Regular Formal Session	1:30 p.m.
Monday	August 20, 2012	Commencement	7:30 p.m.
Monday	September 10, 2012	Committees	1:30 p.m.
Monday	October 8, 2012	Regular Formal Session	1:30 p.m.
Friday	December 14, 2012	Regular Formal Session	1:30 p.m.
Friday	December 14, 2012	Commencement	7:30 p.m.
Monday	February 11, 2013	Regular Formal Session	1:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 11, 2013	Regular Formal Session	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	May 11, 2013	Commencement	1:30 p.m.
Monday	June 10, 2013	Retreat	9:00 a.m.
Monday	June 10, 2013	Regular Formal Session	1:30 p.m.

**Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools  
March 28, 2012**

The Committee, comprised of Chairman David Abbs, Leola Wilson, Jenee Velasquez and Jeff Martin, met on March 28<sup>th</sup> with Eric Gilbertson, Joe Rousseau and David Lewis. The history of SVSU's involvement as an authorizing agency for Public School Academies (i.e.; charter schools) was reviewed, along with reports from previously-appointed committees of the Board of Control.

Recent Michigan legislation has eliminated the "cap" on the permissible number of university-authorized charter schools, thus creating opportunities for the University to reconsider its policies and directions with respect to charter school expansion.

Following review and discussion, consensus was reached on the following points and recommendations:

- 1) SVSU should continue its basic policy approach of careful and incremental expansion of its charter schools, not authorizing additional schools merely to create more schools or promote higher enrollments.
- 2) The University should maintain an open approach to considering proposals for the creation of new charter schools or support existing schools, but the following factors should guide any such consideration by the Board of Control:
  - a. The proposed school should add something new, unique or creative to the range of opportunities available to pupils and their families.
  - b. Any new school should demonstrate the potential for achieving excellence in the educational program it proposes to offer – excellence as defined either by meeting a compelling need for under-served pupils or by promoting the highest levels of academic achievement.

- c. Preference will be given to schools located in geographic proximity to the SVSU campus, thus enabling the greatest possible inter-action with the University's academic programs and access to its educational resources.
- 3) In addition, the University should actively explore the potential for its direct involvement in the creation of a new charter school, with particular focus on addressing needs and opportunities not currently available to pupils and their families in the Great Lakes Bay Region (e.g.; a STEMS-focused educational program). In so doing, staff should carefully consider existing programs and opportunities to explore other such experimental schools in Michigan and beyond.
- 4) Existing Board of Control policies and working practices seem appropriate for current charter school operations, and no specific changes in that regard are required.
- 5) This Ad Hoc Committee should continue in place for further consideration of issues as events and opportunities require.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Abbs  
Eric R. Gilbertson  
Joe Rousseau  
Jenee Velasquez  
Leola Wilson