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SAGINAW VALLEY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF CONTROL

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, May 14, 1973

7:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by Chairman
- II. Approval of Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting  
held April 16, 1973
- III. Official Representative of the Faculty Association
- IV. Communications
- V. Administrative Reports
- VI. Committee Reports
  - 1.) Academic Committee
  - 2.) Building Committee
  - 3.) Finance Committee
- VII. Other Matters
- VIII. Adjournment

## MINUTES

BOARD OF CONTROL  
SAGINAW VALLEY COLLEGEREGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
SVC Board Room - Wickes Hall  
May 14, 1973

Present: Arbury  
Curtiss  
Gilmore  
Groening  
Kendall  
Runkel  
Vaupre

## Others

Present: Capitan  
Dickey  
Driver  
Graham  
Gross  
Guimond  
Kearns  
Marble  
Students (4)  
Press (3)

Absent: Zahnow, excused

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and declared a quorum present. He extended a warm welcome to Dr. Marble upon his return from a sabbatical leave.

## II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

BM-352 Mr. Kendall moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held on April 16, 1973 as submitted.  
Mrs. Arbury supported.

Ayes: Arbury, Curtiss, Gilmore, Groening, Kendall, Runkel, Vaupre  
Absent: Zahnow

Motion carried.

## III. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION

No representative was present.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Student Senate Resolution

Dr. Marble reported that subsequent to the resolution adopted by the Student Senate during his absence from the Campus, he has had several conferences with the President and other officers of the Student Body. He said that a joint statement has been drafted by both of the Presidents and submitted it for Board consideration.

The Student Government and the College Government are united in their desire to advance Saginaw Valley College. Both governmental systems recognize the need of working together effectively and with mutual understanding and good will.

It is our intention that this relationship be a mutually supportive one, and as President of the Student Body and as President of the College, it is our intention to work toward this goal.

Both Presidents recognize that the College has made much progress during the last ten years, and we appreciate the support of the Tri-County community which has proportionally exceeded that given to any other State-assisted institution in Michigan. It is our intention to further strengthen a cooperative liaison with the community that surrounds us.

While the College has received its fair share of support for current programs from the Legislature of the State of Michigan, we do not believe that the Legislature has done enough to assist us in bringing new programs of study into operation, and we intend to continue to call to the attention of our representatives in

Lansing their opportunity to assist us in building a fully developed and well-rounded institution on this campus.

The President of the Student Body and the President of the College have been engaged in useful discussions to understand how the welfare of the college can be advanced. Additional discussions with the Student Senate and other officers of the College are projected. Before school opens this fall, we expect to schedule a conference where we can devote several days to making plans for the coming year.

We agree the College must undertake the development of a comprehensive program of campus life. This should include new social programs and new cultural activities. We look ahead to the strengthening of the presence of theatre and music. An expanded sports and athletic program will also be part of our joint objective.

We are in agreement that a new charter of student government is needed and that it should be planned in such a way as to give the SVC student effective control over his own activities and also a structure that can give participation on college matters in general.

Above all we recognize that there will be honest differences of opinion between the Administration, the Student Government, and the Faculty Association over many college matters. Where these differences exist we will spare no effort to reach an equitable solution that would meet with the approval of all concerned parties. To this end we invite the members of the faculty, the Board of Control, and the Board of Fellows, and all of the friends of SVC

to join us in the work that lies ahead.

The President of the Student Body, James Barcia, said that he feels that Dr. Marble has made positive efforts for solution to our problems. We have his personal and public commitments to solve the problems which students are facing at SVC, and that we have come to a mutual middleground with the school's interest at heart.

Mrs. Arbury reported that the Academic Committee met to discuss the points listed in the Student Senate Resolution, which apparently were causing student frustration, and the Committee feels satisfied that the problems have either been solved or are being considered.

Mrs. Arbury said that she had one final word to say to the President and other members of the Student Body and that is that every member of the Board of the Control shares a sincere "concern" regarding every faction of this institution. She said that members of the Board donate their time, energies, and talent to this worthwhile work.

In response to Mr. Curtiss' question regarding the development of a comprehensive program of campus life, James Barcia said that the students feel a need for improvement in campus life and are considering new social programs and new cultural activities, a stronger theatre and music program, and an expanded sports program. A conference is planned for this summer when the Student Senate and College administrators will devote several days to making plans for the new year.

Mrs. Dickey suggested that the President of the Student Body attend the weekly sessions of the Student-Administration Liaison

Committee as well as several more staff members.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Marble said that it was good to be back on the job after a brief respite from his college responsibilities and feels that he has benefited from his sabbatical. A sabbatical leave is not a vacation, however. The policy manual states very clearly that there should be mutual benefits for both the institution and the individual. He said that during the time that he was away, he divided the time almost equally in visiting other universities and in writing a book. He finished about half the manuscript on the book, which is a report on his experience with various educational theories and programs, and which he thinks will be a contribution to the field. In the course of his travels, he visited universities in eight different countries.

In Kenya, East Africa, for example, a population which is 99% Black, requires the study of three languages in the elementary school. English is the official language of the country, and he was absolutely stunned at the quality of the English spoken by children on the streets and in the countryside. If anything, the teaching of English is as good, if not better, than comparable teaching in the United States, and the government officially advises young people not to come to the United States for technical study until they have completed their high school program, because the teaching of language in American schools is below the level of Kenya.

In this country, the teaching of language skills is one of the

recognized problems in the continued education of Black students, and he thinks we could learn a great deal about the teaching of English by looking at the university training given to teachers in Kenya.

In Iran, he was surprised to discover that seventeen new universities are being created. Each will have a college of medicine. He spent a day with the Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Istafan who is a graduate of the University of Michigan. The total program is housed in a building smaller than Wickes Hall on our campus, is financed with a budget smaller than that of SVC, and is conducted in a city smaller than Saginaw. The Dean feels that the quality of education is as good as that offered by American medical schools and offers as proof the fact that a quarter of his graduates migrate to the United States after they pass the examination that permits them to practice in this country. Obviously, they have discovered something about economical medical education that we could afford to look at.

He was curious to know why the Japanese were able in a very few years to become the world leader in the manufacture of optical instruments--a field which the Germans have dominated for two hundred years. He was also interested to know how the Japanese could in a very few years master all our knowledge of electronics, and become a world leader. If we look at the universities, we will learn something about where the people come from who are able to achieve these spectacular records.

The State of Michigan has been a center for automotive engineering. How does it happen, then, that the Wankel engine, which

has been kicking around Europe and the United States for thirty years, is suddenly developed in Japan, and they produce engines which they claim can meet our environmental standards? Whether these engines actually can or not is one thing. But the fact is that our leadership in automotive engineering is being seriously challenged by Japan. The quality and resourcefulness of the automotive engineers being produced by the universities is excellent, and if we take a look at what is happening in the universities, we should be prepared for some other surprises that are on the way.

There are many other things that he would be glad to report to you. He simply thinks that it is worthwhile once in awhile for a man to leave his workbench and go and see what somebody else is doing.

b. Polish Studies

The President reported that several concerned Polish citizens appeared at the last meeting of the Board making a plea for a full-time instructor to teach Polish-related subjects at SVC. A substantial delegation of Polish citizens appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing at the time SVC was scheduled to appear, expressing a need for academic and cultural education. The President of SVC was instructed by Senator [redacted], Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to submit a recommendation on Polish Studies to that committee. The President said he responded to this request as follows:

Legislator Valley College proposes that the Legislature establish an Institute of Polish Studies as part of the general appropriation

to SVC; that this be done by including a line-item of \$25,000 which would be additional and supplementary to the regular appropriation to SVC; that this money be used for the salary and fringe benefits of one full-time teacher who would direct the Institute, a secretary, and for office expense, travel, and miscellaneous charges.

This position would not be included in the calculation of SVC productivity during the first three years of the program.

We recommend this procedure for the following reasons: First, this would give legislative endorsement and recognition to the cultural aspirations of an important ethnic component of Michigan's population. Second, if created by line-item appropriation, this would provide the opportunity to experiment with a variety of patterns of organization and teaching before being required to meet the existing productivity formulas. Third, while there would be a high initial enrollment in these courses, it is difficult to predict whether these enrollments would continue to grow. At other institutions, programs in Black and Chicano studies have started with impressive initial strength and have dwindled. We do not expect this to be the case with Polish Studies at SVC, but it is not possible to predict. A line-item appropriation would be subject to cancellation by the Legislature if the Institute failed to meet its objectives.

Mr. Curtiss said that regardless of the merits of a Program in Polish Studies and political pressures, theoretically under the Constitution the Board of Control has the responsibility of determining how the College money shall be spent and this request is asking the Board to abrogate that responsibility. He said

that he would highly recommend that that type of solution not be done again.

Dr. Marble responded by saying that he recognized that this is a high level decision and would be glad to withdraw the proposal to the Senate Appropriations Committee if the Board felt that it would be the proper thing to do; but he also pointed out that the same type of decision was made about a year ago by the Legislature when the Zilwaukee sewer charge became a line item in SVC's State appropriation.

The Chairman said he thought that Dr. Marble did the proper thing under the circumstances.

C. Residency Requirement for In-state Tuition Fees

The President called attention to the editorial in the Detroit Free Press on the Washtenaw County Judge's ruling that the U-M residency requirement for in-state tuition fees is unconstitutional. The U-M rule defines residency as living in the State six months without attending any school. If the U.S. Supreme Court upholds its Tennessee precedent in the Connecticut case, State colleges and universities will be forced to limit severely the number of out-of-state students admitted, or be prepared to suffer financial loss. Dr. Marble said that SVC might benefit from it as students from elsewhere may come here for study.

D. Library

The President reported 71,232 volumes in the library as of April 30, 1973.

E. MAT Program

There are now 40 students enrolled in the MAT Program, and it is estimated that there may be 75 enrolled in the fall semester.

F. Tenth Anniversary

The President said that he will be sending an outline for a Tenth Anniversary Program to the Board inviting their comments and suggestions.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Committee

No further report.

B. Building Committee

1.) Observatory

Dr. Gilmore presented a resolution for the awarding of a contract, with or without taking of formal sealed bids, for the construction of the observatory structure. The Chairman suggested that the College Counsel be obtained on this procedure.

RES-154 Mr. Curtiss moved adoption of the following resolution: WHEREAS, Funds have previously been received and designated for the construction and equipping of an astronomical observatory on the campus, and WHEREAS, It is desired to proceed as soon as possible with the construction; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Building Committee is hereby authorized, with or without the taking of formal sealed bids--the administration having obtained a written opinion from the College Counsel on this procedure--to award a contract within available funds for construction of the observatory structure which will enclose the telescope and support the dome, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Committee is authorized to approve the site location and proceed with everything necessary to complete a working observatory.  
Rev. Runkel supported.

Ayes: Arbury, Curtiss, Gilmore, Groening, Kendall, Runkel, Vaupre  
Absent: Zahnaw

Resolution adopted.

2.) Agreement with Township of Kochville Re Sewage Disposal

Service

RES-155 Rev. Runkel moved adoption of the following resolution: WHEREAS, On August 8, 1966, an agreement was entered into between the City of Zilwaukee and the Board of Control under which the City agreed to provide sewage for the College, and  
WHEREAS, The reserved capacity at the sewage treatment plant for Saginaw Valley College appears to be greatly in excess of College needs during the next 15 years, and  
WHEREAS, The City of Zilwaukee and the Township of Kochville desire to enter into an agreement under which Zilwaukee will provide sewer service for Kochville, and  
WHEREAS, It appears desirable that the College should become a customer of Kochville and should release the exclusive usage of a portion of the forcemain between the campus and the sewage treatment facility in Zilwaukee, and  
WHEREAS, The opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Michigan has been requested as to whether enabling legislation is required permitting the College to release the full rights of use and control of a portion of the forcemain,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, after any legal problems shall have been settled, the President, or the Vice President for Business Affairs and subject to the approval of the Building Committee, hereby authorized to sign the agreement with the Township of Kochville on behalf of the Board of Control.  
Mr. Vaupre supported.

Ayes: Arbury, Curtiss, Gilmore, Groening, Kendall, Runkel, Vaupre  
Absent: Zahnow

Resolution Adopted.

3.) Summer Theatre Building

The President requested the Board to consider instructing the administration to bring to the Building Committee a proposal that indicates that the Kresge Foundation would be willing to participate with SVC in winterizing the summer theatre building and converting it into a facility that would be usable in the

earliest possible future for the Theatre Program and Fine Arts Department. He said that he feels that we do have some responsibility to the Fine Arts Department, and also the College has until December to meet the terms of the grant from the Kresge Foundation.

BM-353 Mr. Curtiss moved that the administration prepare one or more proposals for space for the Fine Arts Department, subject to the approval of the Building Committee and the Board of Control, prior to being presented to the Kresge Foundation.  
Mr. Kendall supported.

Ayes: Arbury, Curtiss, Gilmore, Groening, Kendall, Runkel, Vaupre  
Absent: Zahnow

Motion carried.

C. Finance Committee

No report.

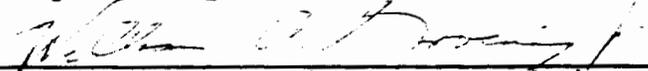
VII. OTHER MATTERS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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William A. Groening, Jr. - Chairman

  
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Charles B. Curtiss - Secretary

  
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Gladys A. Kearns - Recording Secretary

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