

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF CONTROL

JUNE 10, 1991  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
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MINUTES

BOARD OF CONTROL

Regular Meeting

1:30 p.m.

Board of Control Room - Wickes Hall

June 10, 1991

Present: Curtiss  
Gilbertson  
Hornsby  
Klykylo  
Revilla  
Ward  
Woods

Absent: Clark  
Edmunds

Others

Present: A. Beutler  
D. Brimmer  
R. Brow  
G. Carrington  
B. Clark  
J. Curry  
J. Fallon  
A. Garcia  
D. Kelly-Ayala  
C. Lange  
G. Lopez-Norling  
J. Lyddon  
J. Muladore  
K. Nowaczyk  
C. Ortega  
R. Payne  
F. Porterfield  
R. Ruffin  
P. Saft  
W. Sheffield  
J. Stanley  
R. Thompson  
J. Valderas  
J. Woodcock  
R. Yien  
Press (1)  
Audience (35)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Woods called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. She noted that a quorum was present.

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda and Additions and Deletions to Agenda

It was moved and supported that the agenda be approved as printed.

The agenda was unanimously APPROVED as printed.

B. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 1991 Regular Monthly Meeting

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the May 3, 1991 regular monthly meeting be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written and were ordered filed in the President's Office and in Zahn Library.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Chairperson Woods recognized Dr. Basil Clark, President of the Faculty Association, who stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

D. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

Chairperson Woods recognized Ms. B. Dawn Kelly-Ayala, who had filed a request to appear before the Board.

Ms. Kelly-Ayala, a 1989 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University, told the Board that she was grateful for the support and encouragement she had received from the Bilingual Teacher Training Director and the faculty and staff of the Bilingual Center while working toward her Bachelor's Degree and Teaching Credentials. She stated: "The students who

asked me to come here today, and who petition you to listen, have been, or are, part of this excellent program. They also feel gratitude for what they have received. We are here because we are concerned for the teachers who follow us; we are concerned that they have the same opportunities as we; we are concerned that the children of the community do not lack for qualified, committed, bilingual teachers. As education students and educators, we are here because we are concerned about the future of the program, and the future depends on the decisions that are made now."

Ms. Kelly-Ayala noted that the performance of the students in the Bilingual program has been steadily improving and that the recruitment of teacher candidates, support of the students in the program, and opportunities for educational growth and enrichment have been evident and strong. She added that the students were concerned about the future of the program following the loss of its Director, Dr. Raquel Ontiveros, and the University's ability to support its minority students in accordance with the President's Task Force recommendations as outlined in its Report, "Promises to Keep."

Ms. Kelly-Ayala concluded:

First, the University should be supported in maintaining the integrity and identity of the program itself, as it has in the past. Although we understand that the University is trying to cut expenses and eliminate some positions, the program, as a valuable resource to minority students and majority students seeking to understand and work with diverse peoples, must continue to maintain its separate identity under the umbrella of the Department of Education. The program has a unique role in the education and support of minorities, and a program devoted to understanding and valuing diversity must not become homogenized and meshed into another department. Students need assurances that the Bilingual/Bicultural Teacher Training Project will not only continue to operate, but will be enhanced to meet the needs of the students. The project must continue to include a strong support system that enhances the continued successes of student recruitment and retention.

Second, the program needs qualified, committed, leadership which is fully supported by the University. The Director should continue to be dedicated to excellence, sensitive to the educational needs of individual students, able to communicate effectively, credibly, through education and experience, on the issue and challenges of our target population, Mexican-Americans primarily of settle out migrant ancestry. The Director should be a leader in advocating the support of minorities, and in eliminating gender, race, and ethnic barriers. The Director should have the support of the community, and working contacts within it to better serve the students of the program and should share a common historical, economic and social point of view. Administrative experience, fluency in Spanish and English, and field experience working with the public schools who will employ our graduates are all high priorities. The leadership over the past year has been excellent; the loss of our current director, Dr. Ontiveros, will be an incredible loss to the program; and as students, we wish to convey our concern and support of her. We urge the University to ask her to reconsider her plans. We find her expertise, compassion, and commitment unparalleled.

Furthermore, for the integrity and future of the program, the University should continue to support the Directorship position by insuring that he/she will be devoting 100% effort to the project. Communication between the Program and others of the University should be cultivated. To stem the high turnover in the position, the position should be placed on the "tenure track," and the salary should be examined to be sure it is commensurate with education and experience. Every effort should be made to support and strengthen this position.

Lastly, we feel strongly that the interface between the Director of the Project, the students, and community is of critical importance. The University should not overlook the feelings of the students and community. We are grateful that you are listening to us today and we hope that we can work together to develop a plan of action to address our concerns. Perhaps a committee should be formed to study and make specific recommendations on these matters; and particularly to plan the implementation of our adopted "Promises to Keep."

Chairperson Woods thanked Ms. Kelly-Ayala for her comments and stated that the matter would be referred to the administration for consideration and further study. She invited Ms. Kelly-Ayala to be in contact with the President regarding her concerns.

President Gilbertson stated: "I think it speaks very well for the program that it has

the kind of pride and support of its students and former students that we're seeing demonstrated by their presence today. I want to thank you all for coming and for showing your support for the program, and I want to assure you that the program enjoys no less support from me and from the University -- it has our very strong support. I think there are a lot of things we can talk about. I understand that any time there is a period of transition there are uncertainties that are created, but I am absolutely confident that we will work our way through those and that the program will remain the kind of strong, vital program that has earned your support and your pride. Again, I thank you all for coming, and I would ask that Ms. Kelly-Ayala leave a copy of her comments for us so that we can refer to it and see that all of your points are fully taken into account and responded to."

### III. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Resolution to Reappoint Mr. and Mrs. Ned S. Arbury to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Advisory Board

RES-943      It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Advisory Board shall be comprised of qualified individuals who will have the responsibility of advising the President of the University and the University Board of Control regarding major decisions of the Gallery, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Arbury were appointed to the Gallery Advisory Board for three-year terms in May 1988 and have successfully completed their terms, and

WHEREAS, members of the Gallery Advisory Board recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Ned S. Arbury be reappointed for a three-year term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Mr. and Mrs. Ned S. Arbury be reappointed for three-year terms which will expire in June 1994.

President Gilbertson stated: "The Arburys are well known by the Board and the University. Their key role in the development of both the facility and its contents, and their keen and on-going interest in and support for the program are really quite remarkable and

very gratifying....They have been very, very helpful in supporting and advising us in matters relative to the Gallery, as well as being a source of tangible support for the Gallery. I would urge you in the strongest possible terms to keep Ned and Honey Arbury involved in this project."

Chairperson Woods asked for further comments or questions. There were none.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2) Resolution Approving Authorization to Continue General Fund Budget Expenditures for 1991-92

RES-944 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Fund Operating Budget for fiscal year 1990-91 expires on June 30, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Due to the uncertainty of the level of state appropriation funding and its relationship in setting tuition and fee rates for fiscal year 1991-92, the University has not completed development of a successor budget for 1991-92;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Administration of the University is hereby authorized to continue General Fund expenditures for salaries and for such other services, supplies and equipment as may reasonably be required to permit operation of the University at a level consistent with the anticipated operating budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

President Gilbertson stated that the vast majority of support for the operation of SVSU comes from the State of Michigan. The Legislature is currently involved in discussions and debates over the state budget and support for higher education. He noted, "We have taken great encouragement from the things that have been said and the proposals that have been made in the Legislature, starting with the Governor's very strong show of support for higher education in the face of a very difficult budget situation in the state. A similar increase was approved by the House....and might provide additional support....and now we have a Senate Committee bill....which might be over what the House provided. So

I think that there is strong support for higher education in all corners of the Capital in Lansing. During most years we wouldn't be excited about increases that are below inflationary levels, but this year -- and given what the state and the whole economy is going through -- I think it is a very gratifying sign that both parties and the leadership of both parties have been very supportive during these troubled times for higher education. However, given that their differences have not been resolved, at this point we really don't have a very clear fix on what our state appropriations support will be, and we are not in a position to recommend to you a permanent plan for the fiscal year."

President Gilbertson added that it will probably be necessary to call a special meeting of the Board in early or mid-July in order to act, based upon our best predictions of what the state will do, so that Fall tuition bills can be sent out in a timely fashion. A formal budget recommendation will be presented to the Board at that meeting.

The resolution before the Board today would enable the University to continue General Fund expenditures for salaries and for such other services, supplies and equipment as may reasonably be required to permit operations at a level consistent with the anticipated operating budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

Chairperson Woods asked for further discussion or questions. There were none.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3) Resolution to Approve New Members and Reappointments to the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Fellows

RES-945 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Fellows shall consist of a minimum of twelve and a maximum of thirty-six members who shall serve for four year

terms; and

WHEREAS, The following members were approved for reappointment to the Board of Fellows: James G. Bandeen, Gary E. Bosco, Frederick D. Ford, Stuart Gross, D. Brian Law, Thomas O. Lohr, Kenneth Selzer, Ricardo Verdoni, Harvey Walker, Earl Warrick, Curtis E. White; and

WHEREAS, David M. Hall, Larry A. McDermott and Jean S. Nichols were approved for appointment as new members to the Board of Fellows;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointed members and new members serve on the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Fellows as stipulated in the organization's bylaws.

President Gilbertson noted that the Board of Fellows is one of SVSU's primary support groups which, over a period of years, has provided the University with a great deal of insight and support in terms of our relationships with the surrounding communities. He noted: "These are all fine appointments. They have all been recommended through the Board of Fellows and require your formal approval."

In response to a question from the Board, President Gilbertson stated that the approval of these appointments would bring the Board of Fellows to its maximum membership of 36.

Chairperson Woods asked for further discussion. There was none.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

#### IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### 4) Report on International Programs

President Gilbertson stated that the University has been attempting to enrich the life of SVSU's campus with students and faculty from foreign countries, as well as expanding the range of our own students and faculty by affording them the opportunity to study and teach abroad. He updated the Board on the status of the 29-month international M.B.A. program

with Taiwan.

Dr. Crystal M. Lange, Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, told the Board that International Programs has two major goals -- acting as advisor to foreign students, and coordinating the Study Abroad program.

SVSU expects to have 45 foreign students next year, half of whom are new to the campus. The International Programs Office prepares the necessary documents for the students, provides them with orientation relative to campus life, helps them with registration and enrollment, and gives them the special attention often needed by students living in a foreign country. The goal is to help them become as self-reliant as possible.

There are two kinds of foreign students coming to campus: independent students who come here on their own, pay their own tuition, and are not essentially eligible for financial aid; and exchange students who come to SVSU as part of an exchange agreement. The latter type of student pays in-state tuition and room and board to their home university, and their financial aid remains in place. The students also pay their own air fare.

SVSU currently has exchange programs in France, Japan, Mexico, Poland, China, the Netherlands and Finland.

SVSU has been involved in international programs for approximately 12 years. The numbers of students and faculty participating have been rising steadily. We are currently seeking involvement in Turkey and England.

As housing capacity on campus expands, it is expected that the number of foreign students on campus will increase. We are also constantly looking for new ways to provide

opportunities for faculty to become involved in teaching abroad.

Chairperson Woods thanked Dr. Lange for her presentation and added that the expansion of international programs gives all of those involved an excellent opportunity to broaden their perspectives.

5) Staff Members of the Month

Diane Brimmer, Director of Student Life, introduced Ms. Ann Garcia, Staff Member of the Month for June. Ms. Brimmer stated:

I am delighted this afternoon to introduce you to Ann Garcia, Administrative Secretary to Evening Services. I have worked with Ann for the last five years and have come to admire her both as a person and as a professional. Ann first came to the University as a student and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1980. Ann also holds a Master's Degree in English from Central Michigan University.

In Ann's work as Administrative Secretary in Evening Services, she has two major and very large responsibilities. Hers is often the only office open to students in the evening hours. She also writes, types and processes materials for our adjunct faculty members. In these two roles, Ann effectively serves the half of the student population that attends evening classes and approximately 175 adjunct faculty. Ann is also staff advisor to Cardinal Sins, the student literary magazine, and to Zeta Phi Beta sorority. She has assisted in the initiation of many campus activities, including the Martin Luther King commemoration dinner, the Festival of Unity and the Fiesta Hispanica. Ann produces a direct mail newsletter for all students twice a year and is Vice President of the Secretarial/Clerical Union. She has recently accepted the additional duty of support staff to the Lifelong Resource Center.

Ann handles her wide range of responsibilities well. Her work is very much appreciated by both students and adjunct faculty. Students and staff members seek her help and advice. The gratitude of our faculty is immeasurable and expressed in unsolicited letters that I have received in recent years....Ann is truly an outstanding employee....I'd like to say thanks, Ann. Your warmth, patience, assistance, insight, encouragement and example have helped me immensely. My words are inadequate in expressing my appreciation for all you have done for the students, the faculty and the University.

Mr. Jerry A. Woodcock, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs, introduced Bill Sheffield, Assistant Director of Campus Dining Services, who was Staff Member of the Month for May. Mr. Woodcock stated:

Bill graduated from SVSU in 1987. He started out in Accounting, but because of his experience as a student employee in Food Services changed to management. He actually joined Food Services in 1985 and has been promoted numerous times....In 1987 he became night supervisor for the Senior Citizens Food Program....Since November of 1990 he has been Assistant Director of Campus Dining....Bill deals a lot with the external public, and we have received several very nice comments about his representing SVSU very well.

Mr. John Curry, Director of Campus Dining, added: "Working with Bill has been a real treat. When he came in as a student, I realized that if I didn't give him enough to do, he'd take my job. He would constantly come to me with suggestions....He was ready for every promotion I gave him months before he received it....Bill works well with the community, the faculty, staff and students of the University, and with his fellow employees....Our catering this year alone has gone up 30%, and we have not added anyone to our staff to handle this increased work load. This shows that Bill is not just a good people person, but he is a very good businessman as well."

Chairperson Woods congratulated both of the Staff Members of the Month on behalf of the Board.

6) Report on AGB and MAGB

Chairperson Woods stated that the MAGB meeting she was to report on had been canceled.

Johnnetta Cole, President of Spelman College, was the keynote speaker at the AGB

meeting. There were a number of sessions regarding many of the subjects covered by the SVSU Task Force Report, which are concerns of colleges and universities throughout the nation. Chairperson Woods concluded: "It was very helpful to talk to people from other universities throughout the country and know that they too wrestle with some of the same things that we do."

V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Gilbertson told the Board that work has begun on the installation of a traffic signal at the University's main entrance on Bay Road. It should be in use by the end of the month.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no other items for consideration.

7) Motion to Move to Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matter

BM-798 It was moved and supported that the Board move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:24 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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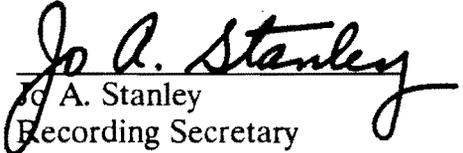
Respectfully Submitted:

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Joyce K. Woods  
Chairperson

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Terry Clark  
Secretary

  
Jo A. Stanley  
Recording Secretary