

# SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

# BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES REGULAR FORMAL SESSION

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MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF CONTROL REGULAR FORMAL SESSION Board of Control Room, Third Floor Wickes Hall February 10, 2014 1:30 p.m.

#### PRESENT:

Carmona, Scott Durco, Dennis Ferguson, Cathy Gamez, David Gilbertson, Eric Kunitzer, John Martin, Jeff Velasquez, Jenee Yantz, Jerome

#### ABSENT: -----

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ambrose, Alyssa Bachand, Donald Bachand, Liana Bangert, Shaun Becker, Jon Bethune, Andy Boehm, J.J. Bradley, Tyler Brandimore, Merry Jo Chaffee, Paul Chapman, Daniel Clifford, Rebecca Copeland, George Darling, Elizabeth Decker, John Dorne, Clifford Dubay, Tyson Dwyer, James Eaton, Jarrod Geyer, Marissa Graham, Eldon Gregory, Kristen Huntley, Deborah Jackson, Samantha Jones, Brandon Jording, Leah Kekkinis, Justin Killion, Jeremy Knake, Lindsay Koski, Lee Kowaleski, Mary Lerner, Lily Maher, James Maliskay, Mark Manning, Tyler Matter, Jim Maturne, Aaron Mojica, Jacob Moore, Terrence Morgan, Sherry Muladore, James Peil, Laura Peretz, Marc Portwine, Ron Ramet, Carlos Reinelt, Jacob Rexford, Joey Roseberry, Karen Schweitzer, Connie Stokes, Cheri Swihart, Andy Thomas, Brian Thorns, Mamie VanFleteren, Emily VanHoorelbeke, Jack Voisinet, Grant Westendorf, Michael Wojkiewicz, Joe Yaros, Tish Zumberg, Renee

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# I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and proposed that the Board of Control immediately move into a closed session to discuss the presidential search.

Motion to Move to Informal Session to Discuss the Presidential Search

# BM-1153 It was moved and supported that the Board move to Informal Session to Discuss the Presidential Search

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The Board moved to Informal Session at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Formal Session at 1:50 p.m. with Board members Carmona, Durco, Ferguson, Gamez, Kunitizer, Martin, Velasquez and Yantz in attendance.

# II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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

Chairman Martin stated that after a lengthy presidential search process the Board would like to recommend adding the following resolutions as action items to the beginning of the current agenda: 1) Resolution to Appoint the Fourth University President, and 2) Resolution to Approve the President's Employment Contract.

The agenda was APPROVED as revised.

1. Resolution to Appoint the Fourth University President

**RES-2066** It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Control has conducted a search for the Fourth President of the University; and

WHEREAS, the search has successfully concluded and the Board of Control has reached a decision on naming a new President of the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Donald J. Bachand is hereby appointed as the Fourth President of the University, effective February 17, 2014.

# IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that The Chairperson of the Board of Control is authorized to sign an employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Martin stated that as the Board evaluated the candidates, it became clear that Dr. Bachand best demonstrated the attributes the Board was seeking in the next president.

Chairman Martin further added that the Board received numerous comments from faculty, staff and students who attended open forums with the finalists, and those comments were taken into consideration. He stated that the Board was very grateful for this valued input and that he was looking forward to continued support in the years ahead.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Approve the President's Employment Contract

**RES-2067** It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Board of Control has previously, in Resolution 2066, named Dr. Donald J. Bachand as President of Saginaw Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Control has reviewed the form of an Employment Agreement between the University and Dr. Donald J. Bachand providing for the employment of Dr. Bachand as the President of the University; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Control that such agreement should be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Employment Agreement in the form submitted to this meeting, providing for the employment of Dr. Donald J. Bachand as President of Saginaw Valley State University, is hereby ratified and approved.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Donald Bachand, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, thanked the Board of Control and the search committee for their support. Dr. Bachand stated, "We have a special place here and I have every intention of maintaining the kind of work environment and relationships we have with one another and with the students of this university. The students will remain first and foremost in everything we do going forward. I accept the job and I am humbled by the appointment. I will do my very best."

Chair Martin noted that the Board would take a 15 minute recess so that the media could speak with Dr. Donald Bachand.

Meeting recessed at 2:10 p.m.. The meeting resumed into regular formal session at 2:30 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2013 Regular Formal Session and the January 10, 2014 Special Session

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 13, 2013 Regular Formal Session and the January 10, 2014 Special Session be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Professor Shaun Bangert, President of the Faculty Association, stated that on behalf of the faculty association, she would like to congratulate Dr. Donald Bachand on his new appointment.

Professor Bangert also commented on the resolution to approve faculty tenure on the Board agenda for approval. Professor Bangert stated that, "Our process is a good one here." She further stated that the individuals being proposed to the Board have been thoroughly vetted and recommended by the university's Professional Practices Committee.

- D. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board
  - Aaron Maturen, Staff Member of the Month for January, was unable to attend the Board meeting. (See Appendix One: Maturen.)
  - Karen Roseberry, Staff Member of the Month for February, was introduced to the Board. (See Appendix Two: Roseberry.)
  - Lee Koski, Staff Member of the Month for February, was introduced to the Board. (See Appendix Three: Koski.)

# III. ACTION ITEMS

3. Resolution to Reappoint Auditors for Fiscal Year 2014

**RES-2068** It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, It is a good management practice to have conducted an annual independent financial audit; and,

WHEREAS, The Finance and Audit Committee recommended to the Board and the Board subsequently approved at its June 13, 2011 meeting the public accounting firm Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC (AHP) to perform the University's annual financial audit for a five-year period subject to annual renewal beginning with fiscal year 2011; and,

WHEREAS, The Finance and Audit Committee has reviewed and finds satisfactory the performance of AHP and as a result recommends its reappointment for fiscal year 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That AHP be reappointed to conduct the fiscal year 2014 financial audit.

Trustee Yantz noted that the Business, Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee has a great deal of experience with Andrews Hooper Pavlik (AHP), PLC. Trustee Yantz stated that AHP is the right firm for the university and that he highly recommends them for reappointment in fiscal year 2014.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Faculty Tenure Effective July 1, 2014

**RES-2069** It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Faculty tenure provides continuous employment of a faculty member for at least a basic two-semester appointment during each fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, Tenure status is achieved when a faculty member is recommended by the Professional Practices Committee and by the Administration for continuous appointment henceforth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the following faculty members be granted tenure, as provided by the terms of the SVSU – Faculty Association agreement, effective July 1, 2014.

Baesler, John	Assistant Professor, Department of History
Berry, David	Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology
Brouet, Stephanie	Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry
Foss, Julie	Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Foreign Languages
Gould, Jonathon	Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education Middle/Secondary Education
Hitt, James	Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Heubo-Kwegna, Olivier	Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences
Hobart, Melissa	Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
Jaber, Mazen	Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing
Jones, Edward	Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work
Kelley, Emily	Assistant Professor, Department of Art
Lee, Dorothy	Associate Professor, Department of Nursing
Liu, Yu	Assistant Professor, Department of Management
McCullough, Jennifer	Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
Skrocki, Marilyn	Associate Professor, Department of Health Sciences
Vannette, Matthew	Assistant Professor, Department of Physics

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Approve Appointment to the Marshall Frederick Sculpture Museum Board (Bob Rogers)

**RES-2070** It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board is comprised of qualified individuals who have the responsibility of advising the President and the University Board of Control regarding major decisions of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, The Museum Board recommends that Bob Rogers be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Theresa Harlan, which expires in May 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointed member serves on the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board as stipulated in the organization's bylaws.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

6. Resolution to Approve Confirmation of Board Members for Previously Authorized Public School Academies

**RES-2071** It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control, the school's authorizing agent, requires that University Chartered Schools' Board of Directors have a minimum of five members and a maximum of nine members; and

WHEREAS, individual Charter Schools have a desire to replace Board members who have submitted their resignation; and

WHEREAS, certain Charter Schools have a desire to have parents of students represented on their Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, certain Charter Schools desire to reappoint a board member whose term of office has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the individuals listed below be appointed by the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control as new members of the Board of Directors of the following Charter Schools:

Detroit Community Schools, Detroit

Patrick Devlin Term: Ending 6/30/16 - Interim 11/21/13

Mr. Devlin serves as Secretary/Treasurer for the Michigan Trades Council of Detroit. He is committed to the revitalization of Detroit and believes that it starts with the investment put into their youth.

Anika Goss-Foster	Term: Ending 6/30/14 – Interim 12/13/13
	Ms. Goss-Foster earned her BA from Purdue University and her Master's of Social Work from the University of Michigan. She serves as Program Vice President for Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Her strengths include proposal and grant writing, strategic planning, community development, and charter school financing.
<b>Toney Stewart</b>	Term: Ending 6/30/15 – Interim 12/13/13
	Mr. Steward currently serves as Executive Director of the Michigan Council of Carpenters. As an engaged citizen Toney currently serves as a Police Commissioner for the City of Detroit and as a member of the Detroit Public Schools Advisory Committee.

Genesee STEM Academy, Flint Krystal Romain Term: Ending 6/30/14 – Interim 12/4/13

> Ms. Romain owns K & R Lawncare with her husband. Her strengths include budgeting and business planning. She serves on community boards, which she believes will benefit the school board.

### Oakland International Academy, Detroit Mariola Mulrooney Term: Ending 6/30/15 – Interim 12/13/13

Ms. Mulrooney is a realtor with Century 21. She has experience working as a volunteer parent at Clifford Smart Middle School in literacy and performing arts programs. Ms. Mulrooney believes her organizational, communication, and analytical skills will be an asset to the Academy board.

#### Bassem Moez Term: Ending 6/30/16 – Interim 12/13/13

Mr. Moez earned his BS in accounting from Ain Shams University of Cairo, Egypt. He is currently working towards his MBA from Wayne State University with graduation expected in 2014. Mr. Moez is a Financial Advisor with LPL Financial of Novi. He has worked for 17 years with business owners and helped them make financial decisions regarding their business. Mr. Moez believes his experience with finances will be an asset to the Academy board.

#### Saginaw Preparatory Academy, Saginaw

**Paul Donald** 

Term: Ending 6/30/16 – Interim 12/13/13 Mr. Donald is currently retired from the United State Army. He believes his skills in leadership, management, and attention to detail will be an asset to the Academy board.

# *Wolverine Academy, Detroit/Saginaw* Heather Calcaterra Term: Ending 6/30/14 – Interim 12/4/13

Ms. Calcaterra earned her BS in Criminal Justice and her MA in Counseling from Wayne State University. She currently serves as administrator for the Oakland County Children's Village. She was instrumental in obtaining Wolverine's charter educational program. Ms. Calcaterra has a strong desire to provide opportunities for at-risk youth.

Mr. Joseph Rousseau, Director of School and University Partnership Office, noted the proposed Charter School Board members have been thoroughly vetted and criminal backgrounds checks were completed and are satisfactory.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

7. Resolution to Appoint Nominating Committee for May Board Elections

**RES-2072** It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, 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 Jerome Yantz, David Gamez, and Jenee Velasquez be appointed to serve as the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control nominating committee to appoint a slate of officers to serve from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

# IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

# V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Gilbertson commented that, "I would be remiss if I didn't say how happy I am for SVSU and how proud I am of Don and how very grateful I am to have worked with all of you. So thank you."

Chairman Martin thanked President Gilbertson for his more than 24 years as president of Saginaw Valley State University. He remarked, "You've done so much for this university over the past 24 years."

Trustee Yantz stated that he had the pleasure of working with President Gilbertson for 14 years. He noted that, "He never surprises me but always impresses me....I am really proud of the fact that I am on a board that was captained by him. I'm extremely proud he served Saginaw Valley State University for as long as he did."

Trustee Velasquez remarked that she always enjoyed hearing from students about President Gilbertson. She added, "You lead with integrity...you're always accessible to us and very importantly to our students and the community....That means so much."

# VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no other items for consideration.

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

8. Motion to Adjourn

# BM-1154 It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

leffr Chairman Velasquez Jene Secretary Mary Kowaleski

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board of Control

# Aaron Maturen

Developer, ITS • January Staff Member of the Month

Some people read Shakespeare. Others, Hemingway. For those with more contemporary tastes, it's King or Clancy.

Aaron Maturen reads computer code.

"Each one, you know, is writing in their own way, their own dialect and their own syntax," said Maturen, whose laptop dons the sticker "Code is my poetry."

"I like to read computer code like others read poetry."

The Information Technology developer isn't kidding, and it's that love for the digital world that helped him earn January's Staff Member of the Month award.

One of Maturen's earliest memories came at the age of 3 when, while his peers perhaps were puzzled by Lego sets, he typed the words "win" on his father's computer. The keyword prompted the DOS-era operating system to boot up an early version of Windows.

"I was typing stuff in and I wanted to win," he said. "I just typed it. When Windows popped up, I was like, 'Wow, I made something work."

Maturen was hooked. He's been "winning" at computers ever since.

In fourth grade, he was a member of the Computer Club at Saginaw's Handley Elementary School. At Heritage High School, his Robotics Team created task-performing machines that earned the group a fourth place finish at the 2005 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis. And, even before he finished his French and computer science double major at SVSU in 2012, his know-how inspired the university to hire him full time at his current position.

"Those of us who work with him label him 'Wiz Kid' because he's so amazing," said Laura Peil, one of several who nominated Maturen for the staff award.

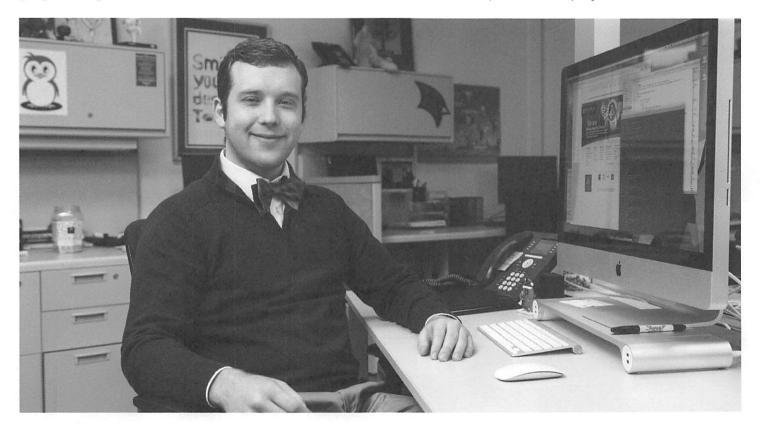
"The way his head works is incredible," said Peil, project coordinator and information specialist. "He really has a cool approach to problem solving, and he sees things at angles other people don't think about. He's also a lot of fun to work with."

There's plenty of work to do for Maturen, too.

These days, he is helping develop the Portal system that one day will replace Cardinal Direct. He's also busy collecting credits for a master's degree in communication and digital media. And don't forget the afterhours web development consultant company, Ivory Penguin, which he owns along with former colleague Dylan Swartz.

"This is Iggie, our mascot," Maturen said as he pulled out a small decal of a blue, cartoon penguin.

Computers and penguins, however, don't take up all of his time. And he's managed to "win" at things non-digital — for instance, the heart of his girlfriend, Erin Ciesielski, whom he met while she attended SVSU. They're due to marry Sept. 6.



# Karen Roseberry

# Graduation and Records Assistant • February Staff Member of the Month

Karen Roseberry came upon her first job at SVSU when a friend asked, with a bit of sarcasm, "Can you count money?"

Now Roseberry is counting her blessings that she landed a role she cherishes with people she enjoys working with.

The Kawkawlin native began at SVSU in 2000 as a temp in the cashier's office. Time, circumstances and a hearty effort eventually paved a path to the Registrar's Office, where she's worked full time since 2012 as a graduation and records assistant.

"I really love working with the students here," she said. "Now I can't see myself not having that contact with them. It's really rewarding work."

Her duties involve processing diplomas for would-be graduates, making Roseberry one of the final rungs for students climbing the proverbial college ladder. Her affection for the work shines through in the eyes of colleagues such as Clifford Dorne, who nominated Roseberry for the Staff Member of the Month award.

In a letter recommending Roseberry for the accolade, Dorne called his colleague "an outstanding team player" who "works with students in a patient, courteous and professional manner."

But that doesn't mean she can't have a little fun on the clock. While posing for the photo included in this profile, Roseberry and her first floor Wickes Hall colleagues playfully teased each other. One co-worker feigned blowing into Roseberry's hair to give her a more grandiose portrait, while others pressed the Bay City resident for an autograph.

"The girls are wonderful here," Roseberry—putting her serious face back on—said of those co-workers. "I work with such wonderful people. It's an incredible setting."

Roseberry considers the "girls" of first floor Wickes to be members of her extended family—and family means a lot to Roseberry.

Before her arrival at SVSU, she was a "stay-at-home mom" for her son and daughter. It wasn't until her children were in high school that Roseberry felt ready to apply for a job at SVSU.

So when friend Cheryl David—another one of the "girls" of first floor Wickes—recommended Roseberry enter SVSU's clerical pool in 2000, "the timing was right," she said.

It didn't take long for Roseberry to distinguish herself as a hard worker, and become part of the SVSU family—in part because of her own family's upbringing.

"My parents taught my 10 siblings and I to give 100 percent and to take pride in my work," she said. "When I came here, I knew this is exactly where I wanted to be."



# Lee Koski

# Environmental Science Coordinator/Lab Tech • February Staff Member of the Month

Work and play often overlap for Lee Koski.

Since taking on his latest role with the SVSU-sponsored Saginaw Bay Environmental Science Institute, Koski has found himself extracting samples from the same water systems he fishes during warmer months.

It hasn't been balmy for a while, and collecting specimens lately involves drilling into layers upon layers of ice, but Koski already feels a warm fondness for the work the science institute is undertaking.

"It's been a very positive experience for me," said Koski, who has helped colleagues such as SVSU's David Karpovich establish the foundation for the first-year endeavor.

Their efforts have included authoring policy for operations; bringing to commission the new research vessel, Cardinal II; developing a forthcoming bi-annual newsletter for the institute; overseeing the setup of a website; and preparing students to help with the research.

"It continues to evolve," he said of the science institute. "I don't know what's going to be around the next curve."

He's excited to learn, though.

"I love that we're working with the watershed," Koski said, referring to the science institute's focus. "It's such an important piece with what's going on in our region." Those around Koski have noticed his dedication to the cause. "Lee has been an enormous help," said Deborah Huntley, the dean who nominated Koski for Staff Member of the Month.

"In every aspect of his job, he goes so far and beyond what you'd expect," she said. "He's absolutely delightful to work with and his response is never 'No.' It's his attitude that really makes things happen."

In addition to his role with the institute, Koski works as a lab technician for the Biology Department.

Koski is quick to give praise to colleagues for their dedication to a subject he holds dear. Science, after all, is a subject the Saginaw native knows well. Before his arrival at SVSU, Koski spent more than three decades as a chemistry and biology teacher, largely with the Midland Public Schools district.

Outside of work, the 1977 SVSU graduate has kept busy raising a family, involving himself in the community and having fun.

He talks with glowing pride about his three grown children — two daughters and a son, ages 26 to 31 — and remains an avid fisherman and golfer. Koski and his wife since the early 1980s have resided in Midland, where he often volunteers at his church, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

