



**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**

***BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES  
REGULAR FORMAL SESSION***

***February 18, 2019***

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**BOARD OF CONTROL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Formal Session**  
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A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held at Saginaw Valley State University on Monday, February 18, 2019 in Wickes Hall, Room 350 at 1:35 p.m.

Trustees present included:

Scott Carmona  
JoAnn Crary  
Dennis Durco, Secretary  
Lindsay Eggers  
Bhushan Kulkarni  
John Kunitzer, Vice Chair  
Vicki Rupp, Treasurer  
Jenee Velasquez, Chair  
Donald Bachand, Ex Officio

Trustees absent included:

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President's Staff present included:

Andrew Bethune, Executive Director of the SVSU Foundation  
Dr. Sidney Childs, Associate Provost for Student Affairs/Dean of Students  
Ellen Crane, Director of Human Resources  
Dr. Deborah Huntley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
John Kaczynski, Director of Governmental Affairs  
Mary Kowaleski, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Control  
James Muladore, Executive Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs  
Linda Sims, Executive Director of Communications & External Affairs  
Dr. Mamie Thorns, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs

Others present included:

Deborah Bishop	J.J. Boehm	Caitlin Coulter
David Lewis	Megan McAdow	Leo Mioduszeewski
Ryan Persails	Corrie Piotrowski	Ron Portwine
Press	Andy Sharrow	Maria Vos
Kristen Willert	Joe Wojtkiewicz	

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Velasquez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

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

There were no additions to or deletions to the agenda.

The agenda was unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

**B. Approval of the December 14, 2018 Minutes for the Regular Formal Session of the Board of Control**

**It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 14, 2018 Regular Formal Session be approved.**

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

**C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association**

Dr. Deborah Bishop, President of the Faculty Association, commented on a resolution before the Board recommending tenure to ten SVSU faculty members. According to the American Association of University Professors, Professor Bishop noted: "The principal purpose of tenure is to safeguard academic freedom...free inquiry, free expression, and open dissent are critical for student learning and the advancement of knowledge. Therefore, it is important to have systems in place to protect academic freedom. Tenure serves that purpose."

Professor Bishop stated that she is pleased to welcome the individuals who are being recommended for tenure.

**D. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Student Association**

Caitlin Coulter, President of the Student Association, commented that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardinal Ball is scheduled to take place on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. She also noted that the Student Association election season is underway. She stated that election results will be announced on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Coulter thanked the Board and Administration for a great year and for all their support throughout the past year.

Chair Velasquez thanked Ms. Coulter for her report and commended her for representing our student body so well.

E. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

- Andy Sharrow, Event & Theatre Technology Specialist, was introduced to the Board as Staff Member of the Month for January. (Appendix One: Sharrow)
- Ryan Persails, Police Officer, was introduced to the Board as Staff Member of the Month for February. (Appendix Two: Persails)

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Motion to Establish the Board of Control Meeting Schedule

BM-1213      **It was moved and supported that the attached meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 academic year be adopted. (See Appendix Three: Schedule)**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Appoint a Nominating Committee for the May Board Officers Election

RES-2305      **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control bylaws stipulate that the Board shall appoint a nominating committee to recommend candidates for each office; pursuant to Article II, 2.101.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Scott Carmona, JoAnn Crary, and Bhushan Kulkarni be appointed to serve as the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control nominating committee to select a slate of officers to serve from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve Faculty Tenure Effective July 1, 2019

RES-2306      **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, 2019.**

Teresa Beadlescomb	Assistant Professor of Social Work
George Corser	Assistant Professor of Computer Science & Information Systems
Sylvia Fromherz Sharp	Assistant Professor of Biology
Tammy Hill	Assistant Professor of Nursing
Maureen Muchimba	Assistant Professor of Health Sciences
Travis Pashak	Assistant Professor of Psychology
David Peruski	Associate Professor of Nursing
Tami Pobocik	Associate Professor of Nursing
Izabela Szymanska	Assistant Professor of Management & Marketing
Norman Wika	Assistant Professor of Music

Provost Huntley stated that the individuals being recommended for tenure have all been through the process of multiple evaluations by peers, as well as evaluations by the deans and an evaluation by the Professional Practices Committee. Provost Huntley commented that all of these individuals who are being recommended have demonstrated acceptable or better performance in teaching, research and service to the University.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Pine Grove Apartments Renovations and Campus Infrastructure Projects

**RES-2307     It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The Business, Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee has discussed various capital projects and acquisitions and the Capital Projects Funding Plan; and,**

**WHEREAS, Sufficient financial resources are available from Capital Project and Auxiliary System reserves to fund projects;**

**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 to complete the below referenced projects with budgets as indicated:**

**Pine Grove Central                      \$ 1,800,000**

**Campus Infrastructure            \$ 1,100,000**  
***(Parking lots, Roads & Sidewalk Repairs, Drainage)***

**TOTAL                                      \$2,900,000**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

**IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Bachand made no formal remarks.

**VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5. Motion to Move to Informal Session to Discuss Personnel Matter**

**BM-1214            It was moved and supported that the Board move to Informal Session  
To Discuss Personnel Matter**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The Board moved to Informal Session at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Formal Session at 2:50 p.m. with Board members Carmona, Crary, Durco, Eggers, Kulkarni, Kunitzer, Rupp and Velasquez. Also, in attendance: President Bachand, Provost Huntley and Mary Kowaleski.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

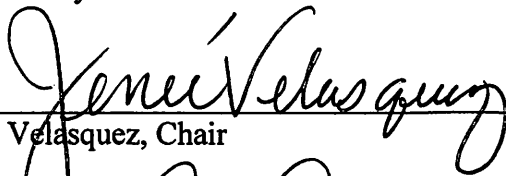
**6. Motion to Adjourn**


**BM-1215            It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

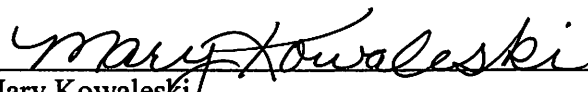
The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Jenee Velasquez, Chair

  
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Dennis Durco, Secretary

  
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Mary Kowaleski  
Recording Secretary



# Andy Sharrow

## *Event & Theatre Technology Specialist • January Staff Member of the Month*

It's not often Andy Sharrow finds himself front and center in the spotlight. Usually, he's the one responsible for casting the light on others.

But SVSU's event & theatre technology specialist said he was pleasantly surprised recently when he learned he was named the January Staff Member of the Month. For much of his experience at SVSU, after all, he has worked behind the scenes. His role managing the audio and visual technology — used for campus events ranging from concerts to commencement — many times goes unrecognized by audiences captivated by the result of his hard work rather than by the source of it.

Sharrow does not mind the lack of attention as long as he knows his behind-the-scenes team — which includes one other full-time staff member and seven student employees — continues to perform its job well, he said. His approach to the work dates back to his days as a Bay City Central High School student operating lightboard and soundboard equipment for the school's theatre productions.

He continued in that role when he enrolled at SVSU as an undergraduate in 2003. Even then, despite the behind-the-scenes nature of the work, Sharrow earned praise for his dedication and skill. After programming computer-animated graphics used during an SVSU production of "A Christmas Carol," a review from The Saginaw News noted how his work seemed "almost like another character" in the play.

"It's a big thing when a reviewer notes your work like that," he said.

Sharrow graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in theatre. He worked in technology at both The Dow Event Center as well as Horizons Conference Center before SVSU hired the alumnus in 2012 in the role he maintains to this day.

"It's the variety of work I enjoy most about my job," he said. "I was working on the Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration one day, then a health care conference on another day. In a few days, I'll be helping out with an event about support animals."

Once any particular event is under way, Sharrow's work sometimes consists entirely of standing by and making sure the production runs smoothly. As a result, he often becomes an audience member to musical performances in genres he would not typically favor and professional seminars in subjects he does not follow.

"It can be educational and entertaining," Sharrow said of his work. "Listening to a musical performance — there are definitely worse ways to spend an evening."

Sharrow said one of the favorite elements of his job involves forming relationships with the university's faculty, staff and students.

"We've worked hard on building bridges to other departments, because we work with so many of them," he said. "It's a great job."





# Ryan Persails

## Police Officer • February Staff Member of the Month

It was the kind of call Ryan Persails dreaded hearing on his police vehicle radio, but in the early morning hours of Jan. 22, that call came: A fellow law enforcer was shot.

Persails, a police officer with SVSU's University Police since 2010, was the first person to respond to the call for help from Saginaw Township Police Officer Jeff Koenig, who was shot in the jaw and shoulder during a traffic stop in nearby Saginaw Township.

Koenig survived the shooting and a suspect was apprehended hours later, but when Persails first heard the troubling dispatch at 2 a.m., all bets were off.

"In my mind, as I'm driving there, I'm thinking, 'Is this going to be an ambush?'" Persails said. "I was expecting the worst at first, but by the time I got there, I forgot all that. I was focused on helping Officer Koenig."

Within moments of Persails' arrival, Saginaw Township Det. Greg Remer pulled up to the scene. They helped their injured colleague into the back of Remer's vehicle before it sped toward Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw.

"You could tell Jeff was in pain, but it was a good sign that he was talking," Persails said of Koenig, who had called in his own shooting to Central Dispatch earlier. "We just wanted to make sure he was calm while we were getting him to the hospital."

When they arrived at Covenant, Koenig was listed in critical condition at first. He was upgraded to stable condition and released to recover at home over the course of the next few weeks.

The experience was humbling for Persails, who enjoys a tight-knit relationship with his University Police colleagues as well as peers in the law enforcement agencies patrolling the region surrounding SVSU. The agencies often collaborate and network resources, and he knew Koenig long before Jan. 22. Persails' close relationship with his peers as well as his close proximity to the dangerous incident — at the time of the shooting, he was patrolling an area less than five miles away — put things into perspective for him.

"It really opens your eyes to the kind of danger you can find yourself in as a police officer," Persails said. "Ninety-nine percent of the people we run into are good people, but there's always that danger."

The experience was eye-opening in other ways, he said.

"Everyone really came together to help, from the doctor and nurses who helped Jeff to all the businesses and people who have put together fundraisers to help him with expenses," he said. "It's been great, the way the community has responded to this. It's good to know police here have that kind of support."





**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING SCHEDULE**

DAY	DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	TIME
Friday	May 10, 2019	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees Commencement	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 11, 2019	Commencement	11:00 a.m.
Monday	June 17, 2019	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
Monday	September 23, 2019	Standing Committees	1:30 p.m.
Monday	October 28, 2019	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
Friday	December 13, 2019	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees Commencement	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	December 14, 2019	Commencement	11:00 a.m.
Monday	February 17, 2020	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
Friday	May 8, 2020	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees Commencement	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 9, 2020	Commencement	11:00 a.m.
Monday	June 22, 2020	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

*NOTE: Regular Formal Sessions will be held in Wickes Hall, Room 350  
(tentative and subject to change pending review).*