



***SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY***

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

***February 17, 2020***

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BOARD OF CONTROL  
Minutes of the Regular Formal Session  
February 17, 2020**

A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held at Saginaw Valley State University on Monday, February 17, 2020 in Wickes Hall, Room 350 at 1:30 p.m.

Trustees present included:

John D. Cherry, Jr.  
JoAnn Crary  
Dennis Durco, Treasurer  
Lindsay Eggers  
Bhushan Kulkarni, Secretary  
John Kunitzer, Chair  
Vicki Rupp, Vice Chair  
Donald Bachand, Ex Officio

Trustees absent included:

Raj Wiener

President's Staff present included:

Andrew Bethune, Executive Director of the SVSU Foundation  
J.J. Boehm, Interim Executive Director of Communications & External Affairs  
Dr. Sidney Childs, Associate Provost for Student Affairs/Dean of Students  
Ellen Crane, General Counsel  
John Decker, Director of Athletics and Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs  
Jim Dwyer, Executive Director of Alumni Relations  
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

Others present included:

Deborah Bishop	Cliff Block	Susan Crane
Teresa George	Hunter Koch	David Lewis
James Maher	Hannah Maine	Chelsea Miller
Angela Pohl	Ron Portwine	Michael Randolph
Joe Wojtkiewicz		

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kunitzer 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 13, 2019 Minutes for the Regular Formal Session of the Board of Control

**It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 13, 2019 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, noted the twelve members of the faculty being considered for tenure July 1, 2020. She referenced the American Association of University Professors as follows: "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 commented that, "We are fortunate to have processes in place that allow our faculty—and by extension, our students—to take full advantage of opportunities for academic exploration and achievement, which is a core value of our University. Today, we strengthen the academic foundation of Saginaw Valley State University."

D. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Student Association

Hunter Koch, President of the Student Association, commented that the Student Association's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardinal Ball is scheduled to take place on Friday, February 21.

Mr. Koch also stated that he will be delivering the first State of the Student Address on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. He noted that his address will highlight many of the Student Association's accomplishments over the past year.

E. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

- Mr. Robert Cottrell made a formal request to appear before the Board. Chair Kunitzer noted that Mr. Cottrell notified the Board office and he is unable to attend today's meeting.
- Michael Randolph, Marketing Specialist for Videography and Photography, was introduced to the Board as Staff Member of the Month for January. (Appendix One: Randolph)

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Motion to Approve the Board of Control Meeting Schedule for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

BM-1224      **It was moved and supported that the attached meeting schedule be adopted.** (Appendix Two: Meeting Schedule)

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Adopt the Revised Board of Control Bylaws

RES-2349      **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, Board of Control Policy 3.101, Article III, Item #28 states that the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control reserves authorization to establish and modify the Board of Control Bylaws; and**

**WHEREAS, Revisions have been proposed to the existing Bylaws; and**

**WHEREAS, The proposed revised Bylaws were shared with Board of Control members and their suggestions were incorporated in the final document; and**

**WHEREAS, The draft was submitted in writing to Board of Control members for review 28 days prior to the meeting; and**

**WHEREAS, The draft of the proposed revised Bylaws was reviewed by the University's legal counsel:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University give formal approval to revise the Board of Control Bylaws.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

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

**RES-2350 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 John D. Cherry, 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Faculty Tenure Effective July 2, 2020

**RES-2351 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, 2020:**

- Lisa Brewer, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy
- Jill Brown, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy
- Maribel Colorado-Garcia, Assistant Professor of Spanish
- Rachel Darr, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology
- Samantha Deere, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology
- Micah DeVecchio, Assistant Professor of Economics
- Poonam Dharam, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
- Cynthia Hupert, Assistant Professor of Nursing
- Matthew Mitchell, Assistant Professor of Social Work
- Christine Noller, Assistant Professor of Health Sciences
- Chatdanai Pongpatipat, Assistant Professor of Marketing
- Tina Thornton, Assistant Professor of Nursing

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Establish Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Team

**RES-2352 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, SVSU currently participates in NCAA Division II Collegiate Athletic programs, offering 19 varsity programs: softball, basketball, indoor track, outdoor**

**track, soccer, volleyball, cross country, tennis, swimming & diving and golf for women; and baseball, basketball, indoor track, outdoor track, soccer, football, cross country, golf and swimming & diving for men; and,**

**WHEREAS, SVSU competes in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) where four members and a two affiliates sponsor lacrosse programs; and,**

**WHEREAS, The University believes it is important to offer expanded intercollegiate athletic opportunities to students;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves intercollegiate women's lacrosse team programs effective academic year 2019-20 with competition planned to begin in the academic year 2021-22.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

6. Resolution of the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University Requesting Conveyance of Property for the Business and Professional Development Center and Accepting Obligations for the Facilities

RES-2353     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**A RESOLUTION of the Board of Trustees of Saginaw Valley State University (the "Educational Institution") requesting and approving the conveyance of property and to provide matters relating thereto.**

**WHEREAS, the State Building Authority (the "Authority"), a statutory body corporate created under provisions of 1964 PA 183, as amended, is authorized to acquire, construct, furnish, equip, own, improve, enlarge, operate, mortgage and maintain buildings, necessary parking structures or lots and facilities and sites therefore for use by the State or any of its agencies including institutions of higher education created pursuant to Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and**

**WHEREAS, the Educational Institution has been created and is maintained pursuant to Sections 4 and 6 of Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and**

**WHEREAS, the Authority has previously acquired the Business and Professional Development Center and the site upon which it was constructed (the Business and Professional Development Center and the site together are the "Facilities") and the Authority leased the Facilities to the Educational Institution and the State of Michigan (the "State") pursuant to a lease dated as of November 1, 1997, as amended (the "Lease"); and**

**WHEREAS, under the terms of the Lease, the Authority agreed to convey title to the Facilities to the Educational Institution upon request by the Educational Institution after the Bonds which financed the Facilities (the “Bonds” as defined in the Lease) and any additional bonds or other obligations as provided in the Lease are paid in full or provision for the payment thereof is made as provided in the Lease for consideration of one (\$1.00) Dollar and the assumption by the Educational Institution of all monetary obligations and legal responsibilities for the operation and maintenance of the Facilities; and**

**WHEREAS, the Bonds have been paid in full and all conditions established by the Lease as conditions precedent to conveyance of title to the Facilities by the Authority to the Educational Institution have occurred.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT:**

- 1. The Educational Institution hereby requests that the Authority convey title to the Facilities by Quitclaim Deed to the Educational Institution.**
- 2. The consideration for the conveyance of the Facilities shall be one (\$1.00) Dollar and the assumption by the Educational Institution of all monetary obligations and legal responsibilities for the operation and maintenance of the Facilities.**
- 3. The conveyance of the Facilities pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth above is approved and each of the President and/or the Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs of the Educational Institution is authorized and directed to execute any documents to accomplish the conveyance in such form as may be requested by the Authority and approved by counsel for the Educational Institution.**
- 4. All ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.**
- 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

#### **IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**7. Alumni Relations Update**

Jim Dwyer, Executive Director of Alumni Relations; Teresa George, Manager of Alumni Engagement; and Hannah Maine, Manager of Alumni Communications briefed the Board of ongoing initiatives taking place in the Alumni Relations Office with specific focus on student recruitment, alumni engagement and university branding.



Chair Kunitzer commended the Alumni Relations team on all they have accomplished over the past five years when the office was established by President Bachand.

**V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Bachand made no formal remarks.

**VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

8. Motion to Move to Informal Session to Discuss Personnel Matter

**BM-1225 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 2:50 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Formal Session at 3:15 p.m. with Board members Cherry, Crary, Durco, Eggers, Kulkarni, Kunitzer and Rupp. Also in attendance: Mary Kowaleski and Ellen Crane.

9. Trustee Rupp made a formal motion to amend Resolution 2348 previously adopted on December 13, 2019.

**BM-1226 It was moved and supported that Resolution 2348 be amended to award President Bachand the maximum amount of deferred compensation as outlined in his contract dated July 1, 2019.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

10. Motion to Adjourn

**BM-1227 It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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John Kunitzer, Chair

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Bhushan Kulkarni, Secretary

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Mary Kowaleski  
Recording Secretary

# Michael Randolph

*Marketing Specialist for Videography & Photography  
January Staff Member of the Month*

Michael Randolph joined SVSU as a part-time photographer in 2013, when his keen eye and calculating focus first began bringing to life many of the defining images of the university and its community. His work promoting and documenting the university has appeared in framed photos lining campus hallways, on billboards towering over busy interstate roadways and in magazines and brochures mailed to homes throughout the U.S. After he transitioned to the full-time role of videographer last year, his filmed productions also are viewed worldwide on social media.

For a university determined to shed its status as a “best kept secret” among prospective students, Randolph’s imagery often offers the introductory glimpse of SVSU’s scenic campus to teenagers considering college. It’s a weighty responsibility. Fortunately, his skill has earned him a career decorated with awards and praise at SVSU and at newspapers where he has worked prior to joining the university.

The Cadillac native’s first work with a camera, though, happened much earlier. His formative experiences were as a young teen tangling with his father’s Canon AE-1 camera. Shy and introverted, Randolph soon found comfort in communicating with the world while adjusting a lens.

“I was terrified to approach anyone when I was a kid,” he said. “Photography gave me the confidence I was lacking to interact with people I didn’t know.”

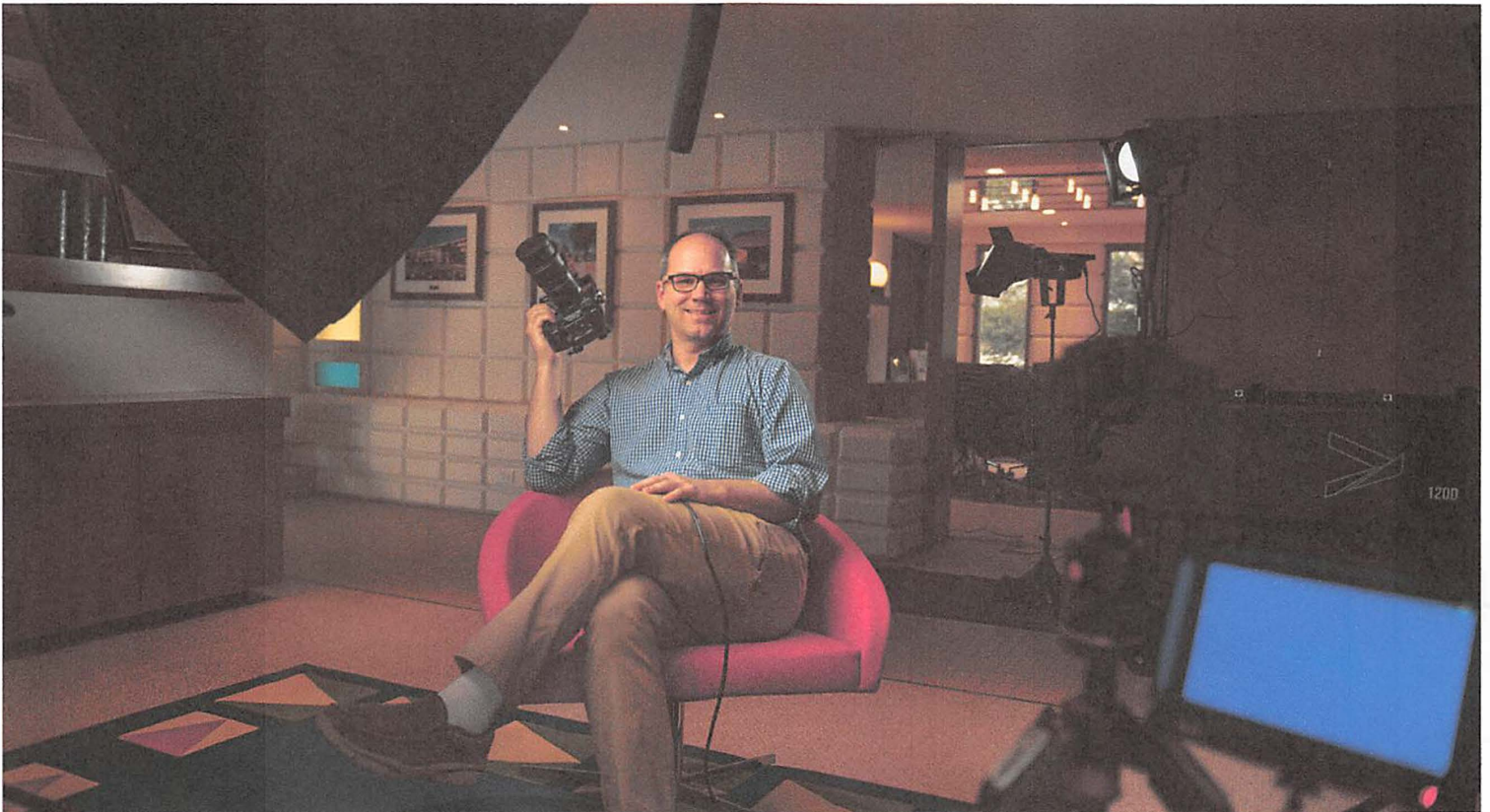
His passion for photography intensified throughout high school and The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, from which he graduated in 1994.

Randolph’s professional career began as a photojournalist for three years with The Cadillac Evening News. In 1998, he joined The Bay City Times at the same position before spending the final six of his 13 years there as the publication’s photo editor.

“I can’t underscore how much image-making means to me,” he said. “My hobby is photography.” In his Midland basement, he built a photography dark room, where he processes film with images captured by the old-school analogue cameras he grew up using. When traveling with his wife and daughter, he packs his suitcase with bundles of film to document their trips overseas and across America.

“I have a bucket list, before my passport expires, to hit all seven continents,” he said. Randolph crossed off Asia last summer while accompanying a group of SVSU College of Education faculty and students who visited Kittur, India. The eye-opening experience — shared in a photo essay in the latest issue of Reflections magazine — thrust him into an environment unfamiliar to him. As was the case since childhood, his camera helped better connect Randolph with strangers.

“Westerners are very rare there, so we stood out like a sore thumb,” Randolph said. “The people were friendly, though, and when they saw my camera, they wanted me to take their picture.”





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

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Monday	September 28, 2020	Standing Committees	1:30 p.m.
Monday	October 26, 2020	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
Friday	December 18, 2020	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees Commencement	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 19, 2020	Commencement	11:00 a.m.
Monday	February 15, 2021	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
Friday	May 7, 2021	Regular Formal Session Standing Committees Commencement	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 8, 2021	Commencement	11:00 a.m.
Monday	June 21, 2021	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).*