



***SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY***

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

***October 26, 2020***

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**BOARD OF CONTROL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Formal Session**  
**October 26, 2020**

A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via video conferencing.

Trustees present included:

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

Trustees absent included:

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President's Staff present included:

J.J. Boehm, Interim Executive Director of Communications & External Affairs  
Ellen Crane, General Counsel  
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  
Rob Vallentine, Executive in Residence

Others present included:

Deborah Bishop, Faculty Association President  
David Lewis, Director of the School University Partnership Office  
Thomas Metiva, Student Association President

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Chair Kunitzer noted that the regular formal session of the SVSU Board of Control is being conducted via video conferencing. He stated that "Due to the unique situation and unprecedented times we find ourselves in today, we will consider today's virtual meeting to be a Regular Formal Session of the Board of Control pursuant to Article II, Section 2.100 of our SVSU board bylaws." Chair Kunitzer stated if there are no objections, let's proceed. There were no objections.

Chair Kunitzer asked the Board Secretary to take a Roll Call to ensure a quorum. Secretary Kowaleski conducted a roll call of the Trustees and noted that a quorum was met with all Trustees being present.

## **II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

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

There were no additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

The agenda was unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

### **B. Approval of the June 22, 2020 Minutes for the Regular Formal Session of the Board of Control**

**It was moved and supported that the minutes of the June 22, 2020 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 that "These have been difficult months for us, for our nation, for our world, since the start of the pandemic earlier this year. But the faculty are determined not to let those difficulties keep us from pursuing our work of providing an education to our students and serving as a resource to our community."

Professor Bishop stated that "A lot has happened since the last Board of Control meeting in June. Faculty typically use the summer months to update our courses or work on developing new ones, work on research, or prepare reports and documents for service activities that are performed during the regular semesters. And, for many, to teach a few additional courses. This summer was different. For the typical faculty member this year, the summer started with two months of training for online teaching from the Center for Academic Innovation ... The remaining time during the summer was spent participating in

more forums on teaching split-classes and putting that knowledge to work by re-designing our courses for Fall, still not knowing exactly how, or even if, the split-class format would be implemented by everyone ... And then, when Fall semester began, faculty put their new designs to the test. They have made—and continue to make—the adjustments necessary to ensure that our students are having a complete educational experience this academic year."

Dr. Bishop concluded that "Over the summer, the Faculty Association negotiating team was also busy. They devoted many hours to working on agreements that addressed the special circumstances that we find ourselves in this year while the COVID crisis continues...It is our hope that the Faculty Association and the administration will soon reach an agreement on an equitable contract that recognizes the sacrifices that faculty have made."

Chair Kunitzer thanked Dr. Bishop for the update and expressed appreciation to the faculty for all their hard work over the past several months.

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

Chair Kunitzer welcome Mr. Thomas Metiva to his first official meeting as President of the Student Association.

Mr. Metiva commented that the annual Battle of Valley fundraiser took place October 18 - 24. He noted that The Bay Area Women's Shelter was selected as SVSU's charitable partner for the 17th annual "Battle of the Valley" fundraising competition. Mr. Metiva stated that the Student Association will officially announce the results of their annual fundraiser on October 31, 2020.

Chair Kunitzer thanked the students for all their leadership and hard work raising funds for a worthy cause.

**E. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board**

There were no requests.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Resolution to Receive and Accept the Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

**RES-2368 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The University financial statements for the 2019-20 fiscal year, as audited by Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, were reviewed by the Business, Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee and the Academic, Student Services and Personnel Committee of the Board; and,**

**WHEREAS, The Administration recommends that the audits be submitted to the Board of Control for receipt and acceptance;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control receive and accept the audits as submitted.**

Mr. James Muladore, Executive Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs, reported that in September, Board members had the opportunity to thoroughly review and discuss the scope of the audit with the audit partner from Andrews Hooper & Pavlik PLC.

Mr. Muladore explained that the audit covers both the University and SVSU Foundation. He reported that SVSU received an unmodified opinion with no material findings in the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit. He stated that the Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards is not included at this time due to the university's receipt of funding from The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law March 28, 2020. He explained that the federal guidelines are still not present so the auditors cannot complete their work.

He noted that the Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards will be presented at the December 18 Board of Control meeting.

Chair Kunitzer thanked Mr. Muladore and his team for all their hard work in producing another great audit with no findings.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Adopt the General Fund Operating Budget for FY2021

**RES-2369      It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The Board of Control approved on June 22, 2020 a FY2020-2021 Continuation General Fund Operating Budget to be in place until such time as the level of state support was determined; and**

**WHEREAS, The FY2020-2021 Education Omnibus State Budget which provides support to Michigan's public universities has been approved and fall semester 2020 student enrollment has been completed; and**

**WHEREAS, The Administration as a result has been able to project revenues for the current fiscal year as well as expenditure allocations necessary to maintain quality instructional and support services provided to students; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached General Fund Budget for FY2020-2021 be adopted.**

**(Appendix One: Operating Budget)**

Mr. Muladore commented that on June 22, 2020, the SVSU Board of Control approved a continuation budget until such time as a State Budget was approved that provided support to Michigan's public universities. He announced that a State Budget was recently approved and fall semester 2020 student enrollment has been completed and the Administration is now prepared to project revenues for the current fiscal year as well as expenditure allocations necessary to maintain operations.

Mr. Muladore stated that due to better than expected enrollment and a flat state appropriation, it was possible to present a balanced budget without using one-time monies; however, he cautioned that there are still a number of potential threats that could impact this plan as the university moves throughout the year and beyond.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve the FY2022 – FY2026 Capital Outlay Plan

**RES-2370     It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The State of Michigan Budget Office requires the University's Board of Control's approval of its Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan; and,**

**WHEREAS, The University has developed and amends periodically a Capital Projects Funding Plan which supports the statutorily required submission of a Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan; and,**

**WHEREAS, The attached Capital Outlay Plan represents priority projects for a five-year time frame;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FY2022 – FY2026 Capital Outlay Plan is hereby approved for submission to the State Budget Office.**

**(Appendix Two: Capital Outlay)**

Mr. Muladore commented that the university is required to submit an Annual Capital Outlay plan to the State of Michigan each year. He noted that this year, SVSU was instructed not to submit a request for new projects, but rather present what would be a five-year plan in terms of major capital projects within the institution. He stated that Brown Hall remains SVSU's number one priority in the proposed Capital Projects Funding Plan.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Authorize the Establishment of a Public School Academy – New Dawn Academy

**RES-2371     It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has provided for the establishment of public school academies as public schools under section 2 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963 by enacting Part 6A of the Michigan Revised School Code, as amended (“Part 6A”); and**

**WHEREAS, according to Part 6A, the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control (the “University Board”) is an authorizing body empowered to issue contracts to organize and operate public school academies; and**

**WHEREAS, the University Board issues contracts to operate public school academies on a competitive basis taking into consideration the resources available for the proposed academy; the population to be served by the proposed academy; the educational goals to be achieved by the proposed academy; the applicant’s track record, if any, in organizing public school academies or other public schools; the graduation rate of a school district in which the proposed public school academy is proposed to be located; the population of a county in which the proposed public school academy is proposed to be located; the number of schools in the proximity of a proposed location of the proposed public school academy that are on the list under section 1280c(1) of the public schools in this state that the department has determined to be among the lowest achieving 5% of all public schools in this state; and the number of pupils on waiting lists of public school academies in the proximity of a proposed location of the proposed public school academy; further, in its Policy Statement on Public School Academies (the “Policy”), Schedule 1, the University Board considers for approval those applications which demonstrate that the applicant will provide elementary and secondary students with enhanced opportunities to achieve the objectives of Article 8 of the state constitution of 1963; and**

**WHEREAS, the University, having reviewed the application of New Dawn Academy of Warren, as well as its policies related to authorizing public school academies and the method of selection and appointment of members of the boards of directors of public school academies, has determined that it is in the best interest of education to issue a contract to operate a public school academy as provided under Part 6A be conditionally authorized for New Dawn Academy of Warren.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control declares, subject to the conditions set forth below:**

- 1. That the application for a public school academy, to be known as New Dawn Academy of Warren, is hereby approved to operate for a term of three academic years beginning in the fall of 2021 through June 30, 2024, subject to the execution of a Contract to Operate a Public School Academy, complete with all schedules, prior to commencement of teaching;**
- 2. That the Academy shall operate a K-8 program, starting with grades K-5 and adding a grade per year, with a maximum enrollment to be determined;**



- 3. The slate of members of the Board of Directors of the Academy shall be appointed as members of the Academy's Board of Directors and shall serve in accordance with the policies adopted by SVSU related to same; and subject to the requirements of Paragraph 1, above, shall be:**

**Mr. Suhaib Almukhtar,  
Ms. Mariola Mulrooney,  
Mr. Omar Qadir,  
Mr. Sam Almasri, and  
Ms. Sakenah Hamdi;**

- 4. The effectiveness or the continued effectiveness of this Resolution are subject to these conditions:**
- a. An opinion of University legal counsel to the effect that contract documents have been agreed upon which are consistent with the purpose of the public school academies statutes; that when executed, contract documents will be binding on both parties in accordance with their tenor; and that in the opinion of University counsel, adequate provisions are included to immunize or indemnify the University, its directors, officers, employees and agents to the extent that prudence and reasonable business practice would require from all claims of liability arising from the University's contractual relationship with the public school academy or the operation of the public school academy.**
  - b. An opinion of professional staff of the University to the effect that the contract documents, the proposed plan of operation, and the methods for holding the public school academy accountable for educational outcomes are consistent with the Policy, and subsequently amended, unless in the case of departures from such Policy, if any, the staff recommends that each such departure be agreed to, and state reason in support.**
  - c. An opinion of the professional staff of the University that the applicant meets all the financial, personnel and facility requirements necessary to open and operate a public school academy.**
  - d. This Resolution and any contract entered into under it shall be null and void if New Dawn Academy of Warren is not in operation by the 2021-2022 school year fall membership count day.**
- 5. Upon receipt by the University Board of the opinions mentioned in 4 (a) and (b) above and subject to 5 (c) above, the President of Saginaw Valley State University may execute a public school academy contract and related documents between New Dawn Academy of Warren (a public school academy) and the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control (authorizing body).**
- 6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution shall be and hereby are repealed.**

Dr. David Lewis, Director of the School University Partnership Office, commented that the proposed charter school will be located in Warren, Michigan. He explained that New Dawn Academy of Warren will cater to a working-class Yemen population; much like Oakland International Academy in Detroit. He stated that the Academy will operate a K-8 program, starting with grades K-5 and adding a grade per year, with a maximum enrollment to be determined

Dr. Lewis explained that the number of foreign-born residents in Warren is more than twice the state average (15.2% of population vs. 6.2% statewide) and there is a demand for greater sensitivity to students and families facing cultural challenges. He further added that New Dawn Academy will be responsive to unique needs of immigrant students and provide a safe, nurturing environment for students to learn and grow.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Authorize the Establishment of a Public School Academy – Sonder Academy

**RES-2372     It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has provided for the establishment of public school academies as public schools under section 2 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963 by enacting Part 6A of the Michigan Revised School Code, as amended (“Part 6A”); and**

**WHEREAS, according to Part 6A, the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control (the “University Board”) is an authorizing body empowered to issue contracts to organize and operate public school academies; and**

**WHEREAS, the University Board issues contracts to operate public school academies on a competitive basis taking into consideration the resources available for the proposed academy; the population to be served by the proposed academy; the educational goals to be achieved by the proposed academy; the applicant’s track record, if any, in organizing public school academies or other public schools; the graduation rate of a school district in which the proposed public school academy is proposed to be located; the population of a county in which the proposed public school academy is proposed to be located; the number of schools in the proximity of a proposed location of the proposed public school academy that are on the list under section 1280c(1) of the public schools in this state that the department has determined to be among the lowest achieving 5% of all public schools in this state; and the number of pupils on waiting lists of public school academies in the proximity of a proposed location of the proposed public school academy; further, in its Policy Statement on Public School Academies (the “Policy”), Schedule 1, the University Board considers for approval those applications which demonstrate that the applicant will provide elementary and secondary students with enhanced opportunities to achieve the objectives of Article 8 of the state constitution of 1963; and**

**WHEREAS, the University, having reviewed the application of Sonder Academy, as well as its policies related to authorizing public school academies and the method of selection and appointment of members of the boards of directors of public school academies, has determined that it is in the best interest of education to issue a contract to operate a public school academy as provided under Part 6A be conditionally authorized for Sonder Academy.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control declares, subject to the conditions set forth below:**

- 1. That the application for a public school academy, to be known as Sonder Academy, is hereby approved to operate for a term of three academic years beginning in the fall of 2021, through June 30, 2024, subject to the execution of a Contract to Operate a Public School Academy, complete with all schedules, prior to commencement of teaching;**
- 2. That the Academy shall operate a 6-12 program, starting with grades 9-10 and adding a grade per year, with a maximum enrollment to be determined;**
- 3. The slate of members of the Board of Directors of the Academy shall be appointed as members of the Academy's Board of Directors and shall serve in accordance with the policies adopted by SVSU related to same; and subject to the requirements of Paragraph 1, above, shall be:**

**Dave Kramer,  
Tony Mediate,  
Brian Schmitz,  
David Veneklase,  
Brandon Young, and  
Ian Wagner;**

- 4. The effectiveness or the continued effectiveness of this Resolution are subject to these conditions:**
  - a. An opinion of University legal counsel to the effect that contract documents have been agreed upon which are consistent with the purpose of the public school academies statutes; that when executed, contract documents will be binding on both parties in accordance with their tenor; and that in the opinion of University counsel, adequate provisions are included to immunize or indemnify the University, its directors, officers, employees and agents to the extent that prudence and reasonable business practice would require from all claims of liability arising from the University's contractual relationship with the public school academy or the operation of the public school academy.**
  - b. An opinion of professional staff of the University to the effect that the contract documents, the proposed plan of operation, and the methods for holding the**

**public school academy accountable for educational outcomes are consistent with the Policy, and subsequently amended, unless in the case of departures from such Policy, if any, the staff recommends that each such departure be agreed to, and state reason in support.**

- c. An opinion of the professional staff of the University that the applicant meets all the financial, personnel and facility requirements necessary to open and operate a public school academy.**
  - d. This Resolution and any contract entered into under it shall be null and void if Sonder Academy is not in operation by the 2021-2022 school year fall membership count day.**
- 5. Upon receipt by the University Board of the opinions mentioned in 4 (a) and (b) above and subject to 5 (c) above, the President of Saginaw Valley State University may execute a public school academy contract and related documents between Sonder Academy (a public school academy) and the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control (authorizing body).**
- 6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution shall be and hereby are repealed.**

Dr. David Lewis commented that the proposed charter school will be located in Monroe, Michigan. He explained that Monroe has limited traditional brick and mortar high performing education options. He stated that Sonder Academy will focus on students who can benefit from a flex approach in their education experience by taking part of their program online and a portion of it in a traditional brick-and-mortar setting. He affirmed that this education model will provide students greater flexibility so that distance and transportation to school will not be a barrier to students accessing high-quality education.

Dr. Lewis stated that Sonder Academy will begin with grades 9-10 in the Fall of 2020 and add one grade each year and it will expand into the 6-8 grades beginning in the Fall of 2023. He concluded that the reason for starting with high school is the dire need to work with current high school students to prepare them for post-secondary education and/or a career.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

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

- a. Cardinal NEST (*New Expectations for a Safer Tomorrow*) Plan Update**

Mr. Rob Vallentine, Executive in Residence, provided an overview of SVSU's NEST Plan which defines how the university community manages and prioritizes expectations as it relates to the health, safety and education of students, faculty and staff as a result of the current health pandemic.

Mr. Vallentine commented that SVSU students (NEST Ambassadors) are currently playing an integral role in carrying out the Cardinal NEST Plan. He explained that NEST Ambassadors were selected to serve in one of three specialty areas – Student Experience, Information Technology and Health & Wellness.

Mr. Vallentine noted that SVSU has several partners in the community who are involved with our COVID-19 response. He stated that SVSU has a longstanding partnership with Covenant HealthCare, including a MedExpress facility located on campus. Mr. Vallentine also noted that SVSU has relationships with other health care providers in the Great Lakes Bay Region, including several comprehensive health systems located within minutes of SVSU.

Regarding testing, Mr. Vallentine explained that SVSU partners with several health care providers in the area to provide the ability to quickly test students, faculty and staff, as needed. He further added that SVSU has contact tracing capabilities and has a trained team of contact tracers in place to quickly identify individuals who may have had contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. He emphasized the importance of a cohesive community approach to preventing and managing the spread of COVID-19.

Mr. Vallentine concluded by briefly discussing the many health and safety protocols that SVSU developed to educate and train the campus community. He expressed the importance of communication to ensure the campus community understands what safety measures are put in place, why they are needed, and how to comply.

b. Community Engagement in the Time of COVID

Dr. Deborah Huntley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs outlined a variety of community engagement activities underway since the beginning of the pandemic as follows:

- Community Engagement Roundtable
  - SVSU plans to host nine community partners – including all three United Ways and Community Foundations from the area – for a round table discussion. Six members of our Community Engagement Faculty/Staff committee will be leading conversations and breakout rooms with these community partners to discuss community needs during/as a result of COVID, and how SVSU can be a resource and partner in addressing these issues.
- The Quarantine Chronicles
  - In Collaboration with the Saginaw Art Museum, SVSU solicited and curated an online collection of art work (including poetry, prose, photography, videos, drawings, paintings, and personal reflections) created by over 100 community members based on their experience during the Michigan Stay-At-Home Order.

- The Roethke Bus and the "Saginaw, I Believe" Poetry Contest
  - SVSU coordinated a mural project to paint a Saginaw Transit Authority Regional System (STARS) bus, featuring an image of Theodore Roethke and iconic images of the city of Saginaw. Inside 10 STARS buses, large panels of poems written by Saginaw residents about their city were installed, part of a larger "Saginaw, I Believe" poetry postcard contest, which received over 200 submissions. Funding was provided by STARS and the Michigan Humanities Council.
- SVSU faculty training
  - SVSU faculty in early August began training Midland educators on how to use canvas, a learning management software program. Utilized by SVSU for years, 14 members of the university faculty hosted group training sessions for nearly 80 middle school and high school educators.

The participating faculty from SVSU hosted a series of seven training sessions for Midland educators teaching in subjects related to business, engineering, English, kinesiology, math and science, music, and social studies. Up to 24 Midland teachers attended each session.

While those sessions took place in early August, organizers say educators formed a network they will maintain moving forward, including when questions arise throughout the school year. Participating SVSU faculty members enjoyed empowering fellow educators in navigating a new learning system, which strengthened their own curriculum-building skills.

- Researching ways to track COVID-19
  - Dr. Tami Sivy, Professor of Chemistry, is currently leading a team of SVSU researchers who are searching for traces of COVID-19 virus in wastewater samples in the Great Lake Bay Region.

Provost Huntley introduced Dr. Sivy who noted that with the support of a \$300,000 grant from the state Department of Environment and support from the Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), SVSU's research team will continue its work searching for traces of the COVID-19 virus in wastewater samples collected from across the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Since April, Dr. Sivy stated that the SVSU research team has been developing methods for tracking existing and potential COVID-19 outbreaks by examining wastewater samples from sites in Arenac, Bay, Huron, Iosco, Gladwin, Tawas and Saginaw counties. She explained that testing – which includes sampling on the SVSU campus – could help alert health officials about potential outbreaks days before individuals display symptoms since the research method also detects the virus in waste of people without symptoms.

Dr. Sivy commented that the research team began collecting samples on SVSU's campus one week before students began moving into the university's residential

facilities in late August. She added that the early sampling allowed the research team to establish a baseline level that could help them better understand if more virus became present. She indicated that the research team is currently collecting new samples about three times per week.

Dr. Sivy explained that this is a complimentary testing method and it isn't meant to replace other methods like nasal swab testing, but when integrated into a community's plan for monitoring the virus, it can perhaps help identify a potential outbreak before it spreads. She explained that early detection in some scenarios could provide critical information earlier than other testing methods available to the general public. For instance she added, many individuals who experience COVID-19 symptoms seek nasal swab tests provided by health care professionals. SVSU usually receives nasal swab test results in 24 to 48 hours, but in other settings, the waiting period for nasal swab test results can be several days.

Dr. Sivy commented that if the research team discovers an increase in traces of the virus, they can take measures to track the source to a more specific site. She noted that in the case of their research on campus, a rise in SARS-CoV-2 RNA levels could lead them to take samples from wastewater sites originating from specific buildings housing residential students, allowing them to narrow the potential source from thousands of students down to the hundreds or less. The detective work is fascinating but not for weak stomachs, she said. Dr. Sivy explained that the research team analyzes about 100 milliliters of wastewater collected from raw sewage outputs for traces of SARS-CoV-2 RNA which is a result of the novel coronavirus.

Dr. Sivy acknowledged the following research students working on this project: Biochemistry majors Marc Dean of Port Huron; Caleb Whittaker of Bay City; and Abbie Bauer of Vassar. She noted that some of the grittier elements of the research process involve collecting wastewater samples which is conducted by Bruce Hart, a lab technician at the university. She noted that Kyle Cissell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, is also part of the research team.

Dr. Sivy commented that SVSU is one of two universities in Michigan offering the cutting-edge research to communities. She concluded that SVSU's status as one of the few institutions in the U.S. to perform the cutting-edge research – research that involves students in the process – shows the university's commitment and value to the surrounding region.

(Appendix Three: Community Engagement)

## **V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Bachand announced that in consultation with medical experts at Covenant HealthCare, the Saginaw County Health Department and within SVSU, there is a tentative plan for December 2020 graduates to safely participate in a celebratory Commencement ceremony.

President Bachand stated that several smaller Commencement ceremonies are being planned and are scheduled to take place on Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21, with a limit of 75 graduates participating per ceremony. He explained that these ceremonies will remain consistent with our overall visitor policy. He noted that guests, including family members, will not be allowed to attend in-person. However the ceremonies will be streamed online for friends and family to watch at home. He added that the SVSU administration is working closely with the experts at Covenant HealthCare to put safety protocols in place that will keep our graduates safe while we celebrate their accomplishments. He emphasized that masks will be required, and proper social distancing will be upheld.

President Bachand noted that our current health and safety policies prohibit visitors on campus, including alumni. He explained that our top priority must be to allow current students to live on campus and receive in-person instruction, which means we must limit the number of people coming to campus to prevent any potential spread of the virus.

## **VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Chair Kunitzer announced that the next Regular Formal Session of the SVSU Board of Control is scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

### **8. Motion to Adjourn**

BM-1231      **It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

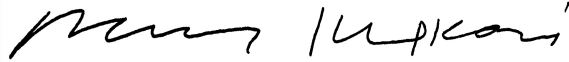


Respectfully submitted:



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John Kunitzer, Chair



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Bhushan Kulkarni, Secretary



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Mary Kowaleski  
Recording Secretary

	FY2020	FY 2021	Net Change FY2020 to FY2021	
REVENUES			\$	%
State Appropriation	\$30,808,000	\$30,803,000	(\$5,000)	0.0%
Tuition and Fees	91,249,000	86,274,000	(4,975,000)	-5.5%
Miscellaneous	5,898,000	5,267,000	(631,000)	-10.7%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>127,955,000</b>	<b>122,344,000</b>	<b>(5,611,000)</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>
EXPENDITURE ALLOCATIONS				
Compensation	76,344,000	73,541,000	(2,803,000)	-3.7%
Supplies, Materials & Services	44,270,000	42,972,000	(1,298,000)	-2.9%
Capital Expenditures	7,341,000	5,831,000	(1,510,000)	-20.6%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>127,955,000</b>	<b>122,344,000</b>	<b>(5,611,000)</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>
<b>Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

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**Saginaw Valley State University  
Capital Outlay Plan  
FY 2022 - FY 2026**

		Project Cost Estimate	Funding Sources			
<u>Academic and Other Facilities</u>	Project Period		General Fund	State of Michigan	Self Supporting	Other
Brown Hall Renovation	FY22-FY24	\$ 19,750,000		\$ 12,000,000		\$ 7,750,000 *
Science West Renovation	FY23-FY24	5,000,000				5,000,000
Alumni Relations Project	FY23-FY24	6,000,000				6,000,000
<u>Major Expansion, Maintenance &amp; Renovation</u>						
Energy Conservation Initiatives	FY22-FY26	6,000,000				6,000,000
Campus Infrastructure/Deferred Maintenance	FY22-FY26	36,000,000			\$ 21,000,000	15,000,000
Technology	FY22-FY26	8,000,000				8,000,000
		<u>\$ 80,750,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 47,750,000</u>

\* University match at 39%

# Community Engagement in the Time of COVID

- **Listening to Community Needs: Dr. Dawn Hinton and Riley Hupfer**
  - SVSU is hosting nine community partners, including all three United Ways and Community Foundations from the area for a round table discussion. Six members of our Community Engagement Faculty/Staff committee will be leading conversations and breakout rooms with community partners to discuss community needs how SVSU can be a resource and partner in addressing community issues.
- **The Quarantine Chronicles**
  - In Collaboration with the Saginaw Art Museum, SVSU solicited and curated an online collection of art work (including poetry, prose, photography, videos, drawings, paintings, and personal reflections) created by over 100 community members based on their experience during the Michigan Stay-At-Home Order.
- **The Roethke Bus and the "Saginaw, I Believe" Poetry Contest**
  - SVSU coordinated a mural project to paint a Saginaw Transit Authority Regional System (STARS) bus, featuring an image of Theodore Roethke and iconic images of the City of Saginaw. Inside ten STARS buses, large panels of poems written by Saginaw residents about their city were installed, part of a larger "Saginaw, I Believe" poetry postcard contest, which received over 200 submissions. Funding provided by STARS and the Michigan Humanities Council.
- **Helping schools with virtual learning**
  - Canvas online learning system training and support for Midland Public Schools
- **Researching ways to track COVID-19**
  - Dr. Tami Sivy, Professor of Chemistry, is currently leading a team of SVSU researchers who are searching for traces of the COVID-19 virus in wastewater samples in the Great Lake Bay region.

## Faculty Involved with the Midland Public School Project

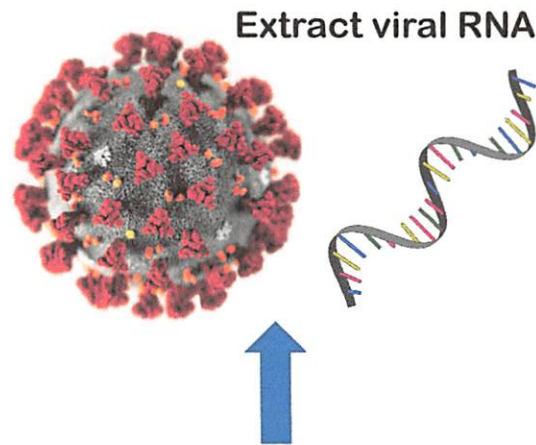
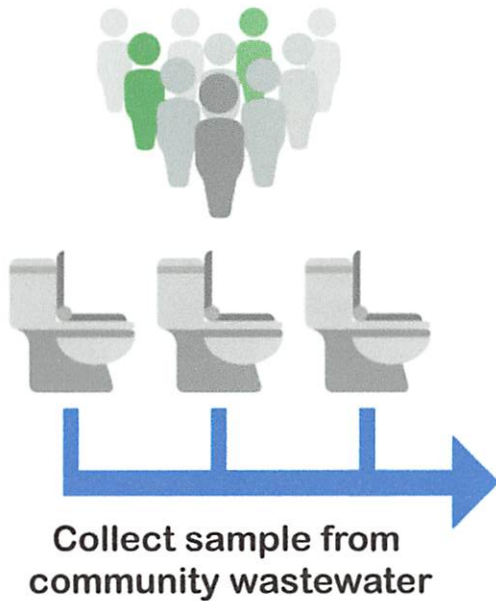
- John Baesler, Professor of History
- David Berry, Professor of Kinesiology
- Jennifer Chaytor, Associate Professor of Chemistry
- Veronika Drake, Associate Professor of English
- Aneesha Gogineni, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
- Jadallah Jadallah, Assistant Professor of Accounting
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- Merrick Lincoln, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology
- Hillary Mellema, Assistant Professor of Marketing
- Kevin Meyer, Assistant Professor of Economics
- Rhett Mohler, Associate Professor of Geography
- Matthew Vannette, Professor of Physics
- Norman Wika, Associate Professor of Music

# Monitoring SARS-Cov2 genetic material in wastewater

- Tami L. Sivy, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry
- Support from Bruce Hart, Chemistry laboratory manager and Kyle Cissell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry
- Research students: Marc Dean, Caleb Whittaker and Abbie Bauer
- Funding by EGLE from CARES Act

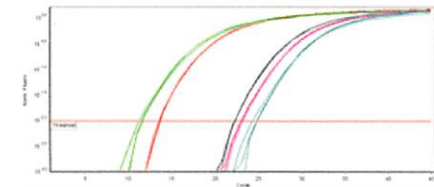
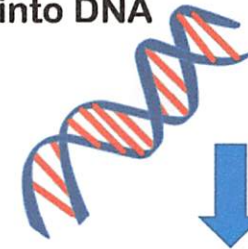


# Process



Process sample in lab to collect microbes

Reverse transcribe RNA into DNA



Amplify and quantify gene targets specific to Sars-CoV2

Use results to inform epidemiological determinations of infection rate and spread

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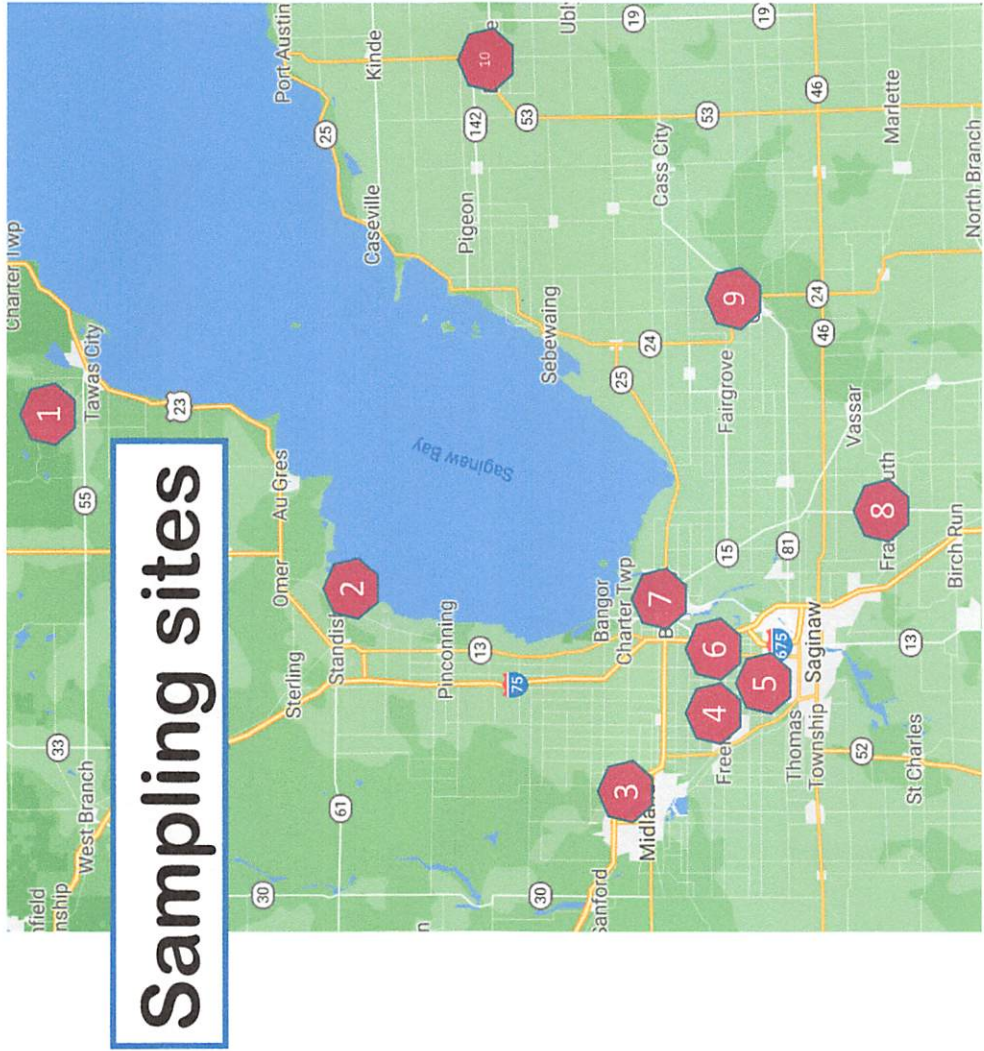
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1. Tawas WWTP\*
2. Saginaw Eagle Landing Casino\*
3. Midland WWTP\*
4. Saginaw Correctional Facility\*\*\*
5. Saginaw Township WWTP\*
6. SVSU\*\*
7. Bay City WWTP\*
8. Frankenmuth WWTP\*
9. Caro WWTP\*\*\*
10. Bad Axe WWTP\*

\* sampling began in April  
\*\* sampling began in August  
\*\*\* sampling began in October