



SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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

February 15, 2021

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF CONTROL
Minutes of the Regular Formal Session
February 15, 2021

A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via video conferencing.

Trustees present:

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

Trustees absent:

Dennis Durco, Treasurer

Also present:

Dr. Deborah Bishop, Faculty Association President
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
Dr. David Lewis, Director of the School University Partnership Office
Thomas Metiva, Student Association President
James Muladore, Executive Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs
Dr. Mamie T. Thorns, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs
Rob Vallentine, Executive in Residence

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BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES
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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, the Board of Control will 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 December 18, 2020 Minutes for the Regular Formal Session of the Board of Control

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 18, 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, offered congratulations to the seven faculty members whose names are being recommended for tenure. Dr. Bishop commented that, "We are fortunate to have processes in place that allow our faculty 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 by awarding tenure to these faculty members."

D. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Student Association

Mr. Metiva, President of the Student Association, commented that students are enjoying many of the events taking place to observe Black History Month. He stated that the Office of Multicultural Services has programming throughout the month of February. He noted a few of the upcoming events include: the ongoing Hip Hop Icons Exhibit at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, a month-long installment of SVSU OBU's annual Black @ SVSU and Black History Month Spirit Week.

E. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

There were no requests to appear before the Board.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to Approve the Board of Control Meeting Schedule for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

BM-1235 **It was moved and supported that the attached meeting schedule for the 2021-2022 academic year be approved.**
(Appendix One: Meeting Schedule)

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

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

RES-2385 **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 recommend a slate of officers to serve from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve Faculty Tenure Effective July 1, 2021

RES-2386 **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, 2021:

- **Gogineni, Aneesha, Assistant Professor**
- **Herman, John, Assistant Professor**
- **Heron, Michael, Assistant Professor**
- **Konsor, Kellie, Assistant Professor**
- **Mead-Finizio, Peggy, Assistant Professor**
- **Savard, Dennis, Assistant Professor**
- **Weaver, Joseph, Assistant Professor**

Provost Huntley stated that the seven faculty listed in the resolution have been recommended for tenure by the Professional Practices Committee (PPC). She commented that this process required multiple evaluations by peers and an evaluation by their Deans in accordance with contractual procedures. She noted that all of these individuals were recommend enthusiastically by PPC.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Mental Health and Wellness Center Development

Mr. Robert Vallentine, Executive in Residence, gave a brief overview of the newly-created Campus Mental Health and Wellness Center. He commented that the new model is in response to the growing demand for mental health support on campus.

Mr. Vallentine explained that, while mental health services have always been available at SVSU, it has become clear that it is time to focus more on the topic after a recent survey by the National Academics of Sciences Engineering and Medicine reported 40% of all students experience a significant mental health challenge. He noted that depression and anxiety are among the most prevalent mental health issues reported on college campuses across the United States.

Mr. Vallentine shared that the incidence and prevalence of mental illness, substance use and emotional distress on college campuses have been trending up for years, and COVID-19 — with its health and economic consequences — is compounding the problem. He added that the American Council on Education reported 68% of higher education presidents listed student mental health as among the most pressing issues in academia.

Mr. Vallentine stated that the new model is expected to strategically respond to a wide range of mental health concerns for students, faculty and staff to provide a range of short-term solutions and/or referral, as appropriate. He confirmed that education and training will be made available for faculty, staff and students on topics such as alcohol and other drugs, substance abuse and suicide prevention. He noted that staff in the center will also develop and maintain relationships with local and regional mental health and medical professionals.

Mr. Vallentine reported that the center will be led by Margaret Bach, a licensed clinical social worker who formerly worked for the Child and Family Services in Saginaw.

Mr. James Muladore, Executive Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs, introduced Ms. Bach at the meeting and noted that she will play an instrumental role in the development of our Campus Mental Health and Wellness Center.

Mr. Muladore stated that Margie Bach is a proven and experienced professional in the mental health field who is well positioned to lead our new model, and her career experiences provide her the ability to communicate with and seek input from multiple university constituencies necessary for this initiative to be successful.

Mr. Muladore commented that, prior to accepting her new assignment at SVSU, Ms. Bach had served since 2007, as president and chief executive officer for Child & Family Services in Saginaw. He added that she was responsible for all program activities for the organization's counseling center, employee wellness center and sexual assault center. He noted that, before advancing to her senior administrative position, Ms. Bach was the director of program and operations from 2002-07, and the sexual assault center director from 1999-2002. He noted that Ms. Bach earned a Master of Social Work degree from Western Michigan University and that she is a licensed clinical social worker through the State of Michigan Board of Social Work.

Ms. Bach commented that she is eager to bring her experience in program development, relationship building, strategic planning and building counseling programs to Saginaw Valley State University. Ms. Bach stated that she looks forward to bringing her experience to the campus community and developing new initiatives that will support the culture of Saginaw Valley State University.

Mr. Muladore confirmed that Ms. Bach will assume her new role at SVSU on Monday, April 5.

V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Bachand announced that SVSU hosted several vaccine clinics over recent weeks. He noted individuals over 65, healthcare workers and some educators were among those vaccinated. He stated that SVSU is proud to partner with Meijer Pharmacy and the Saginaw County Health Department to make this possible for so many.

President Bachand offered thanks to Sue Brasseur, Director of External Project Management, along with her team for the great job they have done to coordinate these recent activities. He noted that several employees and volunteers have also braved the harsh winter weather to volunteer at the vaccine clinics. Additionally, he mentioned that our campus facilities staff have been working hard to keep the parking lot and sidewalks clear for guests. He commented that these clinics take significant work from many on campus and our community partners: The Saginaw County Health Department and Meijer Pharmacy. President Bachand offered thanks to all who continue to make great effort – even despite the elements – to protect our community.

President Bachand stated that, over the course of the pandemic, our university has served as a touch point for mask distribution, flu vaccines, COVID-19 testing for our campus community and now for vaccine distribution. He added that, as a centrally-located, regional institution, it is our responsibility to do what we can to support our community, especially in times of great need.

President Bachand announced that alumna Beth Charlton will be assuming the role of CEO/President of Covenant HealthCare this July. President Bachand noted that Ms. Charlton received her bachelor's degree in nursing from SVSU in 1989. He stated that she began her career shortly thereafter in May 1989 at the former St. Luke's Hospital as a student nurse extern. He added that Ms. Charlton has served Covenant HealthCare as its Chief Nursing Officer and added Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer to her title in 2019. President Bachand expressed his congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Charlton.

President Bachand announced that the SVSU Foundation's sixth annual 2/2 for SVSU campaign wrapped up on Wednesday of this week. He noted that 534 donors raised nearly \$106,000 for student scholarships. He stated that this year's campaign theme was a "100 Scholarship Challenge," with a goal of raising \$100,000 for the General Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for 100 students. President Bachand offered his appreciation to those who participated. He stated that every step makes an impact on our ability to support and create opportunities for our students.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chair Kunitzer announced that the next Regular Formal Session of the SVSU Board of Control is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

5. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1236 It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.

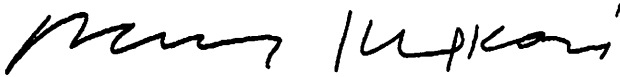
The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



John Kunitzer, Chair



Bhushan Kulkarni, Secretary



Mary Kowaleski
Recording Secretary



**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING SCHEDULE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022**

| DAY | DATE | TYPE OF MEETING | TIME |
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| Monday | September 20, 2021 | Standing Committees | 1:30 -4:30 p.m. |
| Monday | October 25, 2021 | Regular Formal Session Standing Committees | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday | December 17, 2021 | Regular Formal Session Standing Committees Commencement | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | December 18, 2021 | Commencement | 11:00 – 12:30 p.m. |
| Monday | February 14, 2022 | Regular Formal Session Standing Committees | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday | May 6, 2022 | Regular Formal Session Standing Committees Commencement | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | May 7, 2022 | Commencement | 11:00 – 12:30 p.m. |
| Monday | June 20, 2022 | Regular Formal Session Standing Committees | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. |

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