



SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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

MAY 4, 2023

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF CONTROL
Minutes of the Regular Formal Session
Thursday, May 4
1:30 p.m.

A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Wickes Hall, Room 350.

Trustees present:

John D. Cherry, Jr.
JoAnn Crary
Lindsay Eggers, Treasurer
Vanessa Guerra
Bhushan Kulkarni
Vicki Rupp, Chair
Raj Wiener, Vice Chair
Carl Williams
George Grant Jr., Ex Officio

Trustees absent:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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

President Grant proposed that the Board of Control agenda be revised to include the following resolutions:

Action Items:

- 7) Resolution to Grant an Honorary Degree to Patrick Miles, Jr.
- 8) Resolution to Grant an Honorary Degree to Beth Charlton

Trustee Cherry formally motioned to amend the agenda to include both resolutions. Trustee Williams supported the motion.

BM-1257 It was moved and supported that the Board agenda be revised to include the proposed resolutions.

The agenda was unanimously APPROVED as revised.

B. Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Formal Session on February 13, 2023

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the February 13, 2023, Regular Formal Session be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Student Association

Mr. Austin Urlaub, president of the Student Association, commented that he was recently reelected as the President of the Student Association. He looks forward to working with everyone again in the upcoming academic year.

Mr. Urlaub noted that Grand Valley State University officially dropped out of the annual Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition, a longstanding tradition. He stated that the Student Association is exploring other options for the fundraising competition that takes place annually.

Mr. Urlaub stated that the Student Association worked diligently throughout the past year to provide \$35,000 in funding to students to support their academic and professional development at conferences and events. Mr. Urlaub thanked the Student Association finance director, James Nettleton, for his great work managing and coordinating this effort throughout the past year.

Lastly, Mr. Urlaub mentioned that over 60 students were trained in Mental Health & First Aid Training this past year. He noted that the goal is to provide even more training to students next year.

D. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Dr. Brandon Haskett, president of the Faculty Association, mentioned that he was also reelected president of the Faculty Association. He stated that he looks forward to collaborating with Austin and the Student Association members again this coming year on various initiatives.

Professor Haskett thanked President Grant for inviting the leaders of the Support Staff Association and the Police Officers Association to report at the board meeting. He stated that they are a vital part of our campus community and looks forward to hearing from them regularly at upcoming board meetings.

On behalf of the Faculty Association, Professor Haskett conveyed congratulations and best wishes to all the graduating students.

E. Recognition of the Office Representative of the Support Staff Association

Ms. Kathleen Chantaca-Kubczak, president of the Support Staff Association, thanked President Grant for recognizing the Support Staff Association at today's and future meetings.

Ms. Chantaca-Kubczak commented, "While our primary mission is to support our union membership because of the frontline positions we hold, we are intimately familiar with the needs of our student body. The Support Staff Association is proud to support our students however we can." She noted that over the past several years, the Support Staff Association had supported several student events, such as hosting the Student Association Exam Bag Giveaway, being the main sponsor of the Red Pride Picnic in 2021 and 2022, hosting a popcorn giveaway and gift card raffle, donating to the Cardinal food pantry, etc. She also stated that the Support Staff Association has an endowed scholarship in memory of Gloria J. Wagner. Ms. Chantaca-Kubczak noted that the current endowment is \$28,192, and since its inception in 2013, the endowment has presented 11 scholarships to SVSU students.

F. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Police Officers Association

Mr. Ryan Persails, president of the Police Officers Association, stated that over the past three months, several new high-tech cameras had been placed throughout campus to protect the campus community better.

Mr. Persails noted that several of the police officers had been trained in the past year in responding to mental health situations. He stated that policing had changed a lot in the last several years, and Police Officers are becoming better trained in responding and talking with people who might be having a mental health situation instead of tactics that may have been used years ago.

Mr. Persails stated that over the past several months, Public Safety had provided active assault training to 135 faculty and staff, with more sessions planned in the upcoming weeks for 3rd shift staff. He noted that plans are underway to offer Active Assault Training to our students in the fall.

G. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) Distinguished Professor of the Year Award – Art Martin, Professor of Biology

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deborah Huntley, introduced Professor Martin as the 2023 Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year, awarded by the Michigan Association of State Universities. She explained that the award recognizes the outstanding contributions and dedication exhibited by the faculty from Michigan's 15 public universities to the education of undergraduate students. Provost Huntley noted that Professor Martin is one of three professors in the state to receive this year's honor.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution to Grant Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

RES-2481 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University is granted the authority to confer undergraduate and graduate degrees as outlined in Section 5 of Public and Local Acts of Michigan 1965; and

WHEREAS, Operating Policy 3.101 Article III of the Board reserves to the Board the authority to grant degrees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University approves the awarding of Winter 2023 undergraduate and graduate degrees as certified by the faculty and registrar.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Elect Officers of the SVSU Board of Control
(Report from the Nominating Committee: Trustees Cherry, Crary, and Eggers)

RES-2482 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control Bylaws (Article II – 2.101) stipulate that the Board shall appoint a nominating committee to recommend candidates for each office, and

WHEREAS, That effective July 1, 2023, the nominating committee recommends the following 2023-2024 slate of officers.

Chair: Raj Wiener

Vice Chair: Lindsay Eggers

Secretary: John Cherry

Treasurer: Vanessa Guerra

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the nominating committee recommends the officers to the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control for a one-year term ending June 30, 2024.

Chair Rupp thanked the Board Nominating Committee for their recommendations.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve Capital Projects

RES-2483 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Control have discussed various capital projects 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 and/or the Interim Vice President of Administration and Business Affairs to enter into contracts to complete the below-referenced projects:

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| 1. | Network Infrastructure Upgrades | \$909,000 |
| 2. | Pioneer Hall Roof | \$420,000 |

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Reauthorizations of Charter School Academies

RES-2484 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the University has issued contracts confirming the status of each of the following as public school academies in the State of Michigan:

**Landmark Academy,
Sigma Academy for Leadership and Early Middle College,
Waterford Montessori Academy, and
Winans (Marvin L.) Academy of Performing Arts;**

WHEREAS, the University and each of the renewal academies wish to extend the terms of each of the respective contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the requirements of this Resolution, the term of the Contract between the University and Waterford Montessori Academy, whereby the University authorized the academy to operate as a public school academy shall be extended through June 30, 2030 (7 years); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the requirements of this Resolution, the term of the Contract between the University and Landmark Academy, whereby the University authorized the academy to operate as a public school academy shall be extended through June 30, 2027 (4 years); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the requirements of this Resolution, the term of the Contract between the University and Marvin L. Winans Academy of Performing Arts, whereby the University authorized the academy to operate as a public school academy shall be extended through June 30, 2026 (3 years); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the requirements of this Resolution, the term of the Contract between the University and Sigma Academy for Leadership and Early Middle College, whereby the University authorized the academy to operate as a public school academy shall not be renewed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and/or the Director of School/University Partnerships, acting together or separately, are authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish these purposes.

Dr. David Lewis, director of the School University Partnership Office, noted that four public school academies are recommended for reauthorization/non-renewal. He explained that re-authorization terms are based on a formula reviewing academic and operational performance. Dr. Lewis added that terms vary depending on extensive data analysis, including assessment performance, compliance and oversight requirements, financial strength, and school board operations.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Grant Emeritus Status to Donald J. Bachand

RES-2485 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University grants emeritus/emerita status to retiring faculty/administrators who have served the University with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald J. Bachand served Saginaw Valley State University with dedication for 44 years, joining the faculty as an assistant professor in 1978, advancing to full professor in 1987, and developing the Criminal Justice program, now one of the largest in the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bachand has won prestigious awards for his work as a faculty member, including the Faculty Association Service Award, the Roosevelt Ruffin Diversity Award, the prestigious Landee Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Distinguished Faculty Award by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards; and

WHEREAS, he served the university administration as dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences from 1997 until 2006 and then as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs until 2014. During that time, the university received multiple academic accreditations, including institutional accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission and specialized accreditations in nursing, business, education, and engineering, among others. He played a key role in several building projects, including the Pioneer Hall renovation in 2007 and the construction of the Health and Human Services Building (renamed Bachand Hall) in 2010, and supported partnerships locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, he served the university as president from 2014 until 2022, doubling the number of private scholarships and adding new academic programs. He participated in successful fundraising and lobbying efforts resulting in the construction of the Carmona College of Business and brought national recognition to SVSU through prestigious national awards for the university, including the Chronicle of Higher Education “Great Colleges to Work For” designation for seven consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bachand served the region with his memberships on the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors, the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance Board of Directors, the Great Lakes Regional Executive Committee, the Midland Symphony Board, the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board, the Michigan Baseball Foundation and as chair of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Council of Presidents; and

WHEREAS, he successfully led the university through unprecedented challenges posed by the global pandemic, ensuring both continued academic excellence and the health and safety of all members of the campus community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bachand has been a champion for students in his myriad roles – as a professor and administrator – and was a consistent advocate for their success, equipping them to be successful both in their college experience and in their personal and professional lives; and

WHEREAS, he mentored and supported numerous faculty, administrators, and staff to give their best to SVSU to advance both their individual careers and the University; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dr. Donald J. Bachand be recognized as President Emeritus.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

6. Resolution to Thank Austin Urlaub and the Elected Representatives for their Service as Student Association Members

RES-2486 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Student Association has been actively involved in the affairs of Saginaw Valley State University throughout the past year, demonstrating excellent leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Student Association representatives listed below served students and the University with dedication and resilience during the 2022-2023 academic year:

- **Omar Al Hallak, Representative**
- **Paige Arneil, Representative**
- **Lazaria Bennett-Lewis, Diversity Chair**
- **Roxana Bermudez, Representative**
- **Daniel Braun, Representative**
- **Kari Brown, Representative**
- **Marisa Carroll, Campus Events Director**
- **Ally DeLeeuw, Representative**
- **Vincent Ford, Ombudsman**
- **Da’Nesha Jackson, Representative**
- **Samuel Johnson, Parliamentarian**
- **Josie Koenigsknecht, Speaker**
- **Matthew Lubas, Representative**
- **Mara Lutz, Public Information Officer**
- **Danon “Rae” Morton, Representative**
- **Elizabeth Mulvaine, Representative**
- **James Nettleton, Finance Director**
- **Kimberly Okeyo, Representative**
- **Madison Pignatelli, Battle Chair**

- Ayden Sauer, Representative
- Anna Schasser, Representative
- Hope Shilling, Representative
- Gavin Stevens, Executive Assistant
- Tori Tupper, Representative
- Austin Urlaub, President
- Chase Valuet, Battle Chair

WHEREAS, the Student Association supported the broader SVSU community by raising over \$20,000 for local nonprofit Self Love Beauty in the annual Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition; and

WHEREAS, the Student Association worked diligently throughout the past year to provide funding to students through allocations to support their academic and professional development at conferences and events; and

WHEREAS, the Student Association hosted several events and shared information in support of Mental Health Awareness Week, which occurred in the fall of 2022 and winter of 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University formally expresses its appreciation to the Student Association representatives for their dedication and leadership on behalf of the University and its student body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board conveys its best wishes to the Student Association representatives for continued academic and future professional success.

Chair Rupp thanked the Student Association for all their excellent leadership throughout the academic year.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

7. Resolution to Grant an Honorary Degree to Patrick Miles, Jr.

RES-2487 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Patrick Miles, Jr., is a Grand Rapids-based attorney and partner in the 750-plus attorney law firm Barnes & Thornburg, which has over 20 offices nationwide. Mr. Miles focuses his law practice on corporate compliance, investigations, monitorships, and business transactions, including minority and woman-owned business formation, financing, and certification; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles served as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan from July 9, 2012, to January 20, 2017, by appointment of President Barack Obama and Senate confirmation, covering 49 of Michigan's 83 counties and 11 federally

recognized Native American Tribes. As a federal prosecutor, he focused on prosecuting those who exploited children, committed violent crimes, or defrauded taxpayers, seniors, and institutions, as well as on improving relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve and informing the public about the opioid crisis and solutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles spent 21 years in private practice for large law firms in Grand Rapids, where he counseled clients on entity formation, equity and debt financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions, minority and woman-owned business formation, financing and certification, contracts, and Michigan liquor licensing. He also represented local governments nationwide in connection with telecommunications provider public right-of-way management and litigation, cable television franchising, rate regulation and customer service, cellular antenna leases, as well as Federal Communications Commission litigation, rulemakings, and proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles served as president of the Grand Rapids Bar Association from 2004 to 2005 and as a trustee from 1999-2002. He was the first president of the Grand Rapids Black Chamber of Commerce from 2011-2012. He also has served more than two dozen charitable and professional boards and committees, including as chairman of the board of trustees of Aquinas College, chairman of Inner-City Christian Fellowship/Nonprofit Housing Corporation, vice chair of Hope Network, treasurer of Spectrum Health Hospitals, a multibillion dollar nonprofit hospital group, and the Spectrum Health, now Corewell Health-West Foundation. Mr. Miles has been recognized on Michigan's Super Lawyers list since 2006. He received the 2005 Outstanding Young Michigander Award from the Michigan Jaycees, the 1996 State Bar of Michigan Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, and a number of other awards, including from the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, West Michigan United Way, NAACP, the Grand Rapids Jaycees, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. He was named to the Grand Rapids Business Journal's 40 Under 40 business leaders in 2002, 2005, and 2007. He was recently named a Notable West Michigan Lawyer by Crain's Grand Rapids Business and was in Grand Rapids Magazine's 2022 List of Top Lawyers.

WHEREAS, After attending Grand Rapids Public Schools and graduating from Ottawa Hills High School at age 16, Mr. Miles earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a dual major in economics, from Aquinas College. He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Harvard Law Record, America's oldest law school student newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University approve granting an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Mr. Patrick Miles, Jr. to be presented at the May 5, 2023, Commencement in recognition of his extraordinary achievements.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

8. Resolution to Grant an Honorary Degree to Beth Charlton

RES-2488 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, Beth Charlton, a lifelong Saginaw resident, began her career in May 1989 at the former St. Luke's Hospital as a student nurse extern. Mrs. Charlton brings over thirty years of hands-on healthcare experience. She has served in many capacities throughout Covenant HealthCare, including bedside nurse in the pediatric ICU, clinical manager for areas such as critical care, heart failure, and birth center, project manager for electronic medical records implementation, and Director of Critical Care, Progressive Care and Stroke Programs; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Mrs. Charlton was named the Chief Nursing Officer, followed by Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer in 2019. She became President and CEO of Covenant in 2021. Known for her approachable and positive attitude, Beth fosters a caring culture to provide extraordinary care to patients and families. She is focused on building relationships, providing stability, and seeking-out growth for the non-profit health system. She has a Master of Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Saginaw Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, While an SVSU student, Beth Charlton was a member of the Student Nurse Association and was elected to Homecoming Court. She started her career at St. Luke's Hospital in 1989, first as a student nurse extern and then as an RN in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. She served on an organizational redesign project for two years, led teams through the merger of St. Luke's and Saginaw General Hospital into what is now Covenant HealthCare, and helped implement electronic medical records in the health care system; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlton has served as an adjunct faculty for the SVSU nursing program, supporting the pediatric clinical rotation for multiple semesters. While at Covenant, she has been a clinical manager in various areas, including heart failure, critical care, progressive care, and the birth center. At Covenant HealthCare, she has served as the Director of the Critical Care and Progressive Care departments, the Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer, the Executive Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Mrs. Charlton brings over thirty years of hands-on healthcare experience to her position as President and CEO of Covenant HealthCare, a healthcare facility with over 4,000 employees and a Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center. The organization provides nearly 2 million patient interactions annually within the Great Lakes Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlton has provided leadership in a very challenging healthcare environment and has used her multiple clinical and leadership skills in a variety of capacities. Mrs. Charlton serves on several area boards, including the Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Region, the Michigan Hospital Association, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, CMU Medical Education Partners, Hospital Council of East Central Michigan, MiHIA, Mobile Medical Response, Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, and the SVSU Foundation. Beth also serves as an Advisory Board Member in the Crystal M. Lange College of Health and Human Services, and she is a member of the Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University approve granting an Honorary Doctor of Science degree to Beth Charlton to be presented at the May 5, 2023, Commencement in recognition of her extraordinary achievements.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- There were none.

V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Grant commented that the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the most elite of the business accreditations, visited SVSU in February. He stated that SVSU had received notice that our accreditation would be affirmed for another six years, the maximum allowed by AACSB. He noted that only 6% of business schools worldwide have earned this prestigious accreditation.

President Grant also shared that the Council for the Accreditation for Educator Preparation (CAEP) visited SVSU in March. He stated that SVSU had yet to receive any formal notification, but the CAEP team has informed us that there would be no stipulations and that the team was impressed by our programs and faculty.

President Grant shared that we are continuing to partner with community colleges throughout the State to help provide a smooth pathway for students graduating with their ADN from community colleges to complete their BSN at SVSU.

He noted that we signed our first partnership with Alpena Community College but have since signed with Bay College, Kirtland Community College, and Delta College. He noted that SVSU also has a team working with several other schools.

Lastly, President Grant shared that tuition partnerships have been signed with: MyMichigan Health, Covenant, Ascension/St. Mary's and McLaren.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

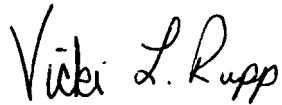
9. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1258 **It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

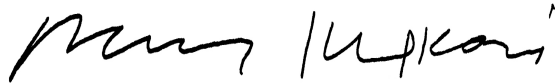
The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Vicki L. Rupp, Chair



Bhushan Kulkarni, Secretary



Mary Kowaleski
Recording Secretary