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MINUTES BOARD OF CONTROL

Regular Formal Session February 9, 2009

1:30 p.m.

Board of Control Room, Third Floor Wickes Hall

Present:

Abbs

Gilbertson

Karu Law Martin Sedrowski Wilson Yantz

Absent:

Gamez

Others

Present:

A. Bethune

J. Blecke

J. Boehm

M. Brandimore

A. Crachiola

C. Dorne

A. Gleason

D. Gough

S. Hocquard

J. Inungu

K. Jolly

R. Maurovich

B. Mudd

J. Muladore

C. Ramet

R. Roberts

K. Schindler

A. Seeley

J. Stanley

G. Thompson

M. Thorns

R. Williams

Press

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Karu 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 from the agenda.

The agenda was APPROVED as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2008 Regular Formal Session

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 12, 2008 Regular Formal Session be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Professor Gary Thompson, President of the Faculty Association, introduced Anthony Crachiola, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Kenneth Jolly, Assistant Professor of History; Richard Roberts, Assistant Professor of Theatre; and Rodney Williams, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, who had been granted tenure at the Board's December 2008 meeting. He noted that Robert Tuttle, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, had also been granted tenure at that time, but that he was not able to attend today's meeting.

D. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

Amanda Gleason, Staff Member of the Month for December, and James Dale Gough, Staff Member of the Month for January, were presented to the Board. (See Appendix One: Gleason, and Appendix Two: Gough.)

Dr. Janalou Blecke, Dean of the College of Nursing & Health Sciences, introduced Dr. Joseph Inungu, SVSU's new Director of External Relations for Health Sciences.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution to Appoint Nominating Committee for May Board Elections

RES-1812 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control bylaws stipulate that a nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board to recommend candidates for each office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That David Gamez, Jeffrey Martin, and Jerome Yantz be appointed to serve as the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control nominating committee.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Grant Emeritus Status to David Swenson

RES-1813 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, David H. Swenson joined the SVSU Chemistry Department in 1996 as the Herbert H. Dow Chair in Chemistry, thus serving as the first endowed chair at the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swenson is highly regarded by his colleagues and students for his exacting standards, creative energy, and dedication to teaching. He worked tirelessly to bring hands-on, real-world research opportunities to students and to collaborate with faculty colleagues by procuring research grants and developing regional partnerships; and

WHEREAS, David Swenson contributed to the entire University community through his congeniality, generosity, and involvement with athletic teams, student organizations, and numerous departments. In addition to his teaching and research duties at SVSU, he was professionally active in organizations in his field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University gratefully acknowledge Dr. David H. Swenson's exemplary service and dedication to the University and bestow upon him the title "Herbert H. Dow Chair Emeritus

in Chemistry" with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be framed and presented to Dr. David H. Swenson as a permanent expression of the University's appreciation.

President Gilbertson told the Board that David Swenson was SVSU's first endowed chair. He came to the University twelve years ago from Louisiana State University and is a prototype of what an endowed chair should be. He is an active scholar, a grant seeker, an interesting colleague, and a wonderful teacher.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve Appointments of Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board Members

RES-1814 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board is comprised of qualified individuals who have the responsibility of advising the President and the University Board of Control regarding major decisions of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Museum Board recommend that David Fry and Alexandra Rymal be appointed for three-year terms which expire in June 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the new members serve on the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board as stipulated in the organization's bylaws.

President Gilbertson noted that the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board serves in a support capacity, advising on matters of acquisitions and assisting in fund raising. Alexandra Rymal and David Fry would be excellent additions to that Board.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Capital Projects

RES-1815 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Finance and Audit Committee has discussed and considered various capital projects; and,

WHEREAS, Sufficient financial resources are available from capital project and auxiliary system accounts to fund the projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes the President or Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs to enter into contracts to complete the below referenced projects with budgets as indicated:

- 1. Campus Safety Initiatives \$1,700,000
- 2. Energy Conservation Measures 1,800,000

James Muladore, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs, reviewed the campus safety initiatives which have recently been completed. These include a threat and vulnerability assessment, emergency response plans, a campus alert program, the expansion of police and dispatch services, and safety and emergency response training. Pending actions include a campus-wide public address system, access control for buildings, security cameras, and generators for use in power outages.

Focus areas of energy conservation measures encompass air handling equipment and controls, lighting and electrical equipment motors, plumbing/showers/restrooms, and heating and cooling systems.

Mr. Muladore noted: "We have been consulting with an engineer this past summer and fall. He looked at every facility on campus and had a list of areas we plan to address. We are doing this because we expect the cost of utilities to continue to rise . . . and our electricity contract expires at the end of 2010, which means that our electricity cost will be somewhere between 15-20 percent higher. Therefore, it's important that we continue to find different opportunities to reduce the use

of utilities on campus. We are estimating, based upon the consulting engineer's report, that we will reduce the use of natural gas by 2 percent, electricity by 17 percent and water by 33 percent over a three-year period. This is approximately \$400,000 in annual savings in estimated utility costs as we know them today."

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Modify Capital Projects Budgets

RES-1816 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Board resolutions #1782 and #1783 dated 5/10/08 and resolution #1790 dated 6/09/08 approved various projects and related budgets included in the University's capital projects plan; and,

WHEREAS, Subsequent to Board approval original budget estimates have been modified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby amend budgets for the following projects as indicated.

	Original Estimated Budget	Amended Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
University Health Center	\$2,200,000	\$2,600,000	\$400,000
Arbury Fine Arts – Classroom/Lab Addition	2,600,000	2,950,000	350,000
South Entrance Drive	300,000	390,000	90,000
Davis Road	650,000	510,000	(140,000)
Living Center Southwest	12,000,000	11,750,000	(250,000)
First Year Suites Renovation	2,500,000	1,550,000	(950,000)
North Campus Housing	11,700,000	11,000,000	(700,000)

Mr. Muladore noted that, overall, these seven projects came in under budget by approximately \$1.2 million.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

6. Resolution to Approve FY2010 Auxiliary Services Business Plan and Modification of FY2009 Auxiliary Budget

RES-1817 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Auxiliary Services Business Plan and related operating budget, inclusive of student housing rental rates, has been developed for FY2010; and

WHEREAS, The Auxiliary Operations FY2009 operating budget has been modified to reflect actual fall semester housing occupancy and other changes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the FY2010 Auxiliary Services Business Plan and the modified budget for FY2009 be approved as per the attached schedules. (See Appendix Three: Auxiliary.)

Mr. Muladore told the Board that the Auxiliary Services System includes the Bookstore, Student Housing, Campus Dining, the Conference and Events Center, and the University's banking relationship with Independent Bank. The University Health Center, which is expected to be opened this summer, will become part of this system.

Mr. Muladore reviewed the Auxiliary Services objectives and initiatives, as well as the System's operating budget. He noted that SVSU has the second least expensive housing rates of Michigan's public universities.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

7. Resolution to Approve Investment Custodial Agreement with Comerica Bank

RES-1818 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Saginaw Valley State University Investment Policy sets forth

guidelines for the investment of University pooled cash assets; and,

WHEREAS, Pooled cash assets can be invested in multiple classes of marketable securities and/or with multiple investment managers; and,

WHEREAS, The University has determined that a bank custodial relationship provides important services such as execution and confirmation of investment transactions, collection of dividend and interest payments, accounting for asset purchases and sales, and maintains possession of securities owned by the University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Comerica Bank is hereby designated as Custodian for University investment activities.

Mr. Muladore told the Board that, as SVSU's custodial bank, Comerica Bank would provide the University with a number of functions related to investment transactions, including accounting services, initiating trades, and handling interest payments. The service is extremely inexpensive.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Report on Winter Enrollments

Dr. Robert Maurovich, Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management, reported that the total headcount enrollment for Winter semester 2009 was 9,499, which is 227 students over Winter semester 2008, for an increase of 2.45 percent. Total credit hour enrollments for the same period are 105,049, for a 4.13 percent increase. Most of this growth has been in the undergraduate population.

9. Report on American College Theater Festival

Ric Roberts, Assistant Professor of Theatre, told the Board that the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide, which has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of college theater in the United States. The KCACTF has grown into a network of more than 600 academic institutions throughout the country, where theater departments and student artists showcase their work and receive outside assessment by KCACTF respondents.

Mr. Roberts noted that there is nothing bigger in academic theater than the Kennedy Center, and that SVSU's hosting the KCACTF January 6th through the 11th was "like the football team making it to the playoffs." Approximately 1,500 students and 150 VIP and special guests attended the festival on the SVSU campus and the Temple Theatre in Saginaw.

V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Gilbertson updated the Board on the State budget process and the hiring process on campus.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

There were no other items for consideration or action.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT
- 10. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1086 It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted:		
David R. Gamez Chairman		
Lawrence E. Sedrowski Secretary		

Jo A. Stanley

Secretary to the Board of Control

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Amanda Gleason

Senior Support Center Technology Specialist • December 2008

Amanda Gleason admits she's "not tough enough" to be a corrections officer, but when it comes to tackling tough technology tasks, she is more than up to the challenge. She graduated from SVSU with a criminal justice degree but rather than pursuing her original dream of working for the FBI, she decided to stay in Information Technology Services, where she had worked for two years as a student employee.

"I'm really comfortable here," she said. "It's a nice, relaxed environment and I liked my coworkers."

Gleason says she's known as "the printer girl" for visiting offices to make repairs. Recently she has had to become creative because MPC Computers filed for bankruptcy, and parts that were ordered to cover machines under warranty have not been delivered, requiring her find them through other means.

Gleason is one of the primary people responsible for setting up new campus computers, including 74 new units soon to be installed for faculty. The old faculty computers "find new homes" with staff.

hile those jobs require Gleason to leave her office, she is pleased that technology also allows her to address some matters remotely from her desktop. She also is working on installing security software that will allow lost or stolen university laptops to be traced.

"As long as it connects to someone's network, we can find it," she said.

Gleason realizes her gender defies the "computer geek" stereotype.

"Everyone is usually surprised that I'm into computers," she said, adding that she is well-suited for her job, not only because it plays to her strengths, but also because it allows her to leave her job at the office.

"Outside of work I don't touch computers."

A self-described "homebody," Gleason does do "some" computer gaming, but her primary pastimes include scrapbooks, puzzles and spending time with friends and family.

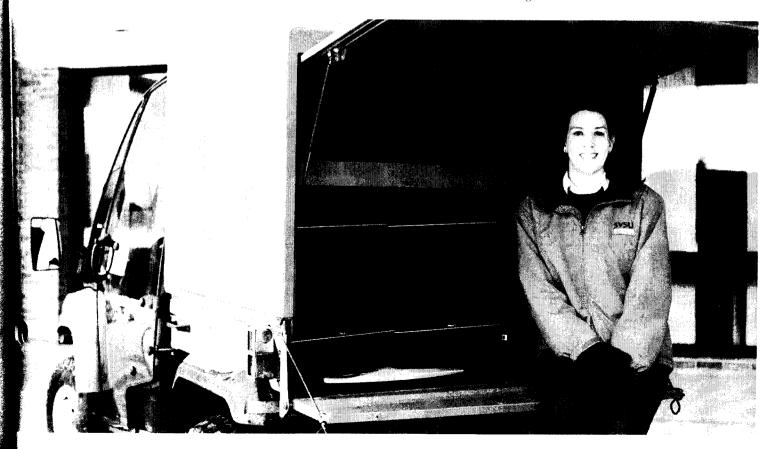
"I need my time to chill," she said.

That is especially true when Gleason takes her turn as the office's primary person answering the phone.

"You get so many calls, and no one is too happy when they call because they have a problem."

On the whole, Gleason enjoys her job, particularly its problem-solving aspects.

"I like the calls that come in where no one has a solution to it. Those are the ones where you really have to dig in. When you get a problem that challenges you, that's what I like. When you find the answer, it feels good."



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

James Dale Gough Gough Custodial Specialist • January 2009

Although he has been employed at SVSU for just four years, Dale Gough's ties to campus span four decades. His father was a carpenter and worked on the original theatre (now the art studio building). Dale spent several Saturdays with dad on the job site.

"He always had something for me to clean up or pick up," Gough recalled. "That's the way we were brought up, to make sure everything was in order."

Gough retains a copy of the original blueprints. Those early experiences set a pattern for his life, which coworkers say he continues to approach with youthful enthusiasm and a "can do" attitude. While driving to work on a sub-zero January day, he stopped to aid a driver trying to change a flat tire. Turns out it was an SVSU student.

Angela Seeley, president of Student Association, says Gough often "goes above and beyond" to help students. She shared another occasion where Gough helped keep the wheels rolling. He inflated tires on a dolly being used for T-shirt sales during "le of the Valleys "without being asked."

Cough cleans the modern Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts, as well as the Rhea Miller Recital Hall, seminar and banquet rooms and other areas frequently seen by visitors, and he has some insight into their thoughts. "There are a lot of things you can hear in an elevator," he said.

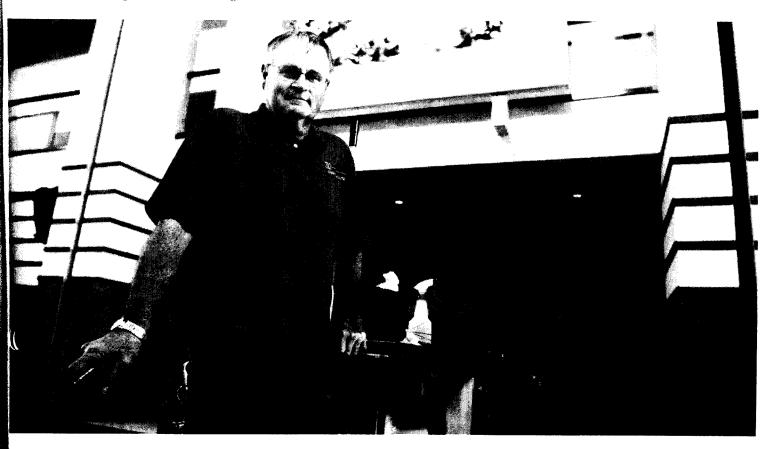
Comments about the university's appearance are overwhelmingly positive, which Gough believes is "a great reflection on everybody who works here," sharing credit with his custodial colleagues and those from other departments, all of whom work "to get repeat business."

Aside from work, caring for his aging parents is Gough's first priority, along with his wife Kathy who "has been a great help." But he still finds time to walk his dog Sparky and engage in other outdoor pursuits such as fishing and cross country skiing.

Gough also enjoys volunteering at his church and on building projects such as the barrier-free Boundless Playground in Kochville Township and Habitat for Humanity in Saginaw.

After a year of retirement following a career in various roles for the City of Saginaw, Gough decided "I gotta find something to do." He is grateful to have found work at a campus that has grown far beyond his childhood imagination.

"I realize I would not have a job here if it wasn't for the students. They pay my wages, so I want to make sure they're taken care of."



Appendix Three: Auxiliary

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY AUXILIARY SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FY2010

	FY2009	FY2010	
	Revised Budget	Base Budget	% Increase
REVENUES			
Housing Contracts	\$13,384,000 (1)	\$14,694,000 (2)	9.8%
Other Operating Income	9,303,000	9,589,000	3.1%
Summer Income	225,000	225,000	0.0%
Conference & Events Center	1,599,000	1,663,000	4.0%
Non-program Revenues	356,000	356,000	0.0%
	24,867,000	26,527,000	6.7%
EXPENDITURES			
Program	17,877,000	18,763,000	5.0%
Debt Service	5,698,000	6,659,000	16.9%
	23,575,000	25,422,000	7.8%
Net Operating Margin	1,292,000	1,105,000	
Reserves Balance, Beginning of Year	10,744,000	10,339,000	
Reserves Interest	250,000		
Capital Projects 2009, 2010	(3,050,000)	(1,640,000)	
Debt Service Savings: Capitalized Interest Mark to Market Reserve - Common Fund STF	812,000	(400.000)	
	204 000	(100,000)	
Cash Flow Savings FY 2009 (estimated)	291,000		
Reserves Balance, End of Year	\$ 10,339,000	\$ 9,704,000	

Housing Occupancy

	Fall	Winter	Average
(1)	2,450	2,279	2,365
(2)	2,554	2,375	2,465

Saginaw Valley State University Auxiliary Services - Bonded Facilities Housing & Meal Contract Rates

	2008-09	2009-10	
	Total	Total	Increase
First Year Suites & FTIC in Living Centers	····· 		
10 Meals + \$450	\$6,830	\$7,130	4.39%
14 Meals + \$150	6,530	6,910	5.82%
Unlimited Meals + \$100	6,830	7,270	6.44%
Single Room Premium FYS	1,050	1,050	0.00%
Living Centers			
Double/Triple Efficiencies	3,850	4,020	4.42%
Apartments 4/5 Bedroom	4,500	4,700	4.44%
Apartments Shared Bedroom	3,510	3,650	3.99%
Special/Optional			
- Apartments 2 Bedroom	5,770	5,950	3.12%
- Super Single Efficiency	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Pine Grove			
Two Bedroom - Four Person	3,510	3,650	3.99%
Four Bedroom - Four Person	4,720	4,920	4.24%
Family	6,820	7,100	4.11%
Two Bedroom - Two Person	5,000	5,270	5.40%
University Village			
Single Efficiencies	5,400	5,640	4.44%
Single Bedroom Townhouses (4BR.)	4,720	4,920	4.24%
Single Bedroom Townhouses (2BR.)	5,020	5,270	4.98%

Composite Weighted Percentage Increase

4.82%