

SAGINAW VALLEY COLLEGE
University Center, Michigan

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MARCH 22, 1965
S.V.C. Conference Room - 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Groening called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Present: Arbury, Brown, Chapin, Curtiss, Groening, Price, Treadway,
Vaupre, Zahnow - 9 a quorum.

Others

Present: Marble, Kearns

Absent: Blackhurst, Dow, Durman

The Chairman said that action on the minutes for meeting held March 1, 1965 would be deferred for a future meeting.

The Chairman said that he hoped some official action would be taken relative to a site so that a press conference could be called in the morning to make an announcement. Vaupre asked if an alternate site should not be considered, as there seemed to be a great deal of opposition to the Delta building becoming a four-year school as proposed in the Report of the Blue Ribbon Committee. Chapin felt that SVC should accept the natural order of things and approach the State Board of Education first for their recommendation to ask for State support.

Groening recommended: 1.) that unless SVC can go to the Legislature with a firm proposal that has firm community backing, SVC will not get any legislation; 2.) if we (SVC) are going to follow the course of absorbing the Delta building we should cancel campaign drive for raising \$4 million. He also noted that the Blue Ribbon Committee Report did not recommend any one of the three solutions.

Charles Curtiss joined meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Brown said that he could not see where the converting of Delta into three community centers could be accomplished in anything less than fifteen years.

"I am not willing to wait for fifteen years.", he said.

The President read the following excerpts from the minutes of the Delta College Special Senate Meeting held March 17, 1965:

"The Senate was asked if the statement that Delta's faculty would oppose a breakup of Delta was correct. President Carlyon stated that he does not intend to stand by while someone tries to chop Delta up into little bits."

"Lou Doll made a motion to ratify President Carlyon's statement that the faculty of Delta would be opposed to the break-up of Delta College. The motion was seconded and carried."

"There will be a meeting of the Trustees with President Carlyon to discuss this same problem. All of the Trustees except one to whom he has talked have been in agreement with the statement he made opposing a split of Delta College into three separate community colleges."

Zahnow said that he talked with an individual today who is a "major" in the fund drive enlisting volunteers. Of the seventeen people contacted, not one would accept responsibility, stating that SVC should settle the site question first.

Chapin suggested that SVC retain the option on the Delta site for time being, and get options on alternate sites. SVC should request a hearing before the State Board of Education immediately and make presentation that we are willing to go to an alternate site. Then we will have given the State Board an opportunity to let us know their thinking on this question. By taking this approach, we can settle in people's minds that the direction we wish to go is in conformity with the wishes of the State Board.

Groening responded that we have already anticipated that we may want to go before the State Board of Education and have requested to be on the agenda of their March 31st meeting.

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Our approach should be this: we have read the Citizens Committee Report in which they say that a degree-granting college and a community college should not be adjacent. We accept this. Therefore, we are considering all possible sites, and would like to make an announcement this week stating that we are going along with the Report of the Citizens Committee so that we can get on with the campaign.

Brown said that he had employed a man to take options on three alternate sites, and was quite confident that he would have something definite to report within a week. Price said that he felt that after reading the Report of the Citizens Committee, and what Delta has said, that SVC must abandon the Delta site and say it is moving to another location. However, it would be inappropriate to announce this until another site is obtained.

Groening felt that the Board should answer the following questions in their proper perspective:

- 1.) Do we accept the principle that Delta and SVC are not to be adjacent institutions?
- 2.) Do we go immediately to the State Board of Education?
- 3.) When do we make public announcement--now or concurrently with the State Board of Education?

BM-113 Zahnow moved that SVC accept the principle that the two colleges cannot operate on same site or adjacent to each other.

Supported by Brown

The motion passed, the members voting therefore by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 1 (Chapin)

Motion carried.

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Groening asked when a public announcement should be made. Brown replied that as far as the State Board is concerned, it is not necessary to have an option on a site. The approach should be made to the State Board as soon as possible, and advise them that SVC is following the recommendations of the Citizens Committee Report. Tell them that SVC does not feel Delta should be abandoned, and we propose to establish a school that will serve the area well as a four-year institution, and do we have their blessing? The State Board should be advised about the SVC program and that the SVC Board is taking some action. All the reports have had two recommendations: 1) wait for the Blue Ribbon Report and 2) wait for another study report. He said I feel we have waited long enough. Price said that he could not be in more agreement.

Zahnow indicated that he would contact the Delta Board for a clarifying statement.

BM-114 Brown moved that the Board announce at the earliest practical date its decision to concur in the recommendation of the Citizens Committee on Higher Education that a degree-granting college and a community college not be on the same site or adjacent sites, and that it is seeking options on a different location and will consult with the State Board of Education with regard to its plan.

Supported by Price

The motion passed, the members voting therefore by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 1 (Curtiss)

Motion carried.

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Groening said that as soon as word is received regarding a date for a meeting with the State Board of Education, members of the Board will be advised and anyone desiring to go is welcome. The Chairman said that it is also his understanding that SVC is authorized to make a statement to the press tomorrow.

The Chairman read the following communication from Alden B. Dow Associates, Inc.:

"We will work and survey the triangle for a new site for the Saginaw Valley College in conjunction with the Building Committee. Our services in this effort will be an extra service of the architect. We have completed the accumulation of pertinent data in every viewed perspective sites with Mr. Brown. We want to do further study and some surveys on foot prior to making a recommendation to the Board."

The President asked for Board approval for an appropriation of \$1,000 to be matched on a nine-to-one basis by the U.S. National Defense Education Loan Fund.

BM-115 Price moved that the Board approve an appropriation of \$1,000 to be matched on a nine-to-one basis by the U.S. N.D.E. Loan Fund.

Supported by Vaupre and carried.


The Chairman announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be Monday evening, April 5, 1965. Members will be notified as to time of meeting.

BM-116 There being no further business to transact, Brown moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:13 p.m.

Motion supported and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Curtiss, Secretary


Gladys A. Kearns, Recording Sec'y.

A POLICY STATEMENT BY THE SAGINAW VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD

In recent weeks, the program of Saginaw Valley College to raise \$4 million by private donations and to obtain legislative approval of a State-supported, degree-granting institution to which such sum would be transferred has been obscured by discussions of the College's proposed site.

Our decision of March 22, 1965 to locate on a site other than the Delta Campus was carefully considered and was based upon a long series of opinions by educational experts, including the Citizens Committee on Higher Education. This decision has subsequently been impliedly approved by the Chairman of the State Board of Education. We believe our decision was sound from an educational point of view because it will permit the community college and the degree-granting college each to pursue its own respective function without confusion of objectives by reason of too close association. We believe that the citizens of the Tri-County area, including a majority of the legislators from the area, have generally understood and agreed with the reasons for our decision and are in sympathy with it.

The success of our fund-raising drive is to a large measure dependent upon our ability to tell prospective contributors where the college will be located. We have spent considerable time and effort the past two months studying alternate locations. As a result of our studies, we have reached the conclusion that the best site lies within the section of Saginaw Township bounded by Tittabawassee Road, Hackett Road, McCarty Road, and Hospital Road. We have obtained options on land approximating 400 acres in this section. We hereby announce that we have decided to exercise them in the very near future.

The site we have selected is well located with regard to all three of the principal cities of the Tri-County area and is conveniently accessible by presently existing highways from each of them. It will be even more conveniently accessible after completion of highways projected for construction in 1965, 1966, and 1967. It is within 20 to 25 minutes driving time from the center of each of the three cities. It is very close to the geographical center and the population center of the three counties. It is an area residential and agricultural in nature--one that is not likely to become industrial or congested. There is much natural beauty on the site. Water service by Saginaw Township is readily available. The price of the land is reasonable. The soil conditions are appropriate for constructing college buildings. We believe that it is a site the residents of Saginaw, Bay, and Midland will be able to point to with pride not only today but in years to come.

When the bill to establish a State-supported, degree-granting college has become law, we intend to offer this site together with the other assets of Saginaw Valley College to the new State college as a donation.

We believe that our decision is one that will be applauded by the citizens of the three counties and will meet with the approval of the State Board of Education. If we are to provide the leadership for organizing the project and obtaining the necessary funds, we must also assume the responsibility for making the basic decisions. The site decision we have made in good faith in the exercise of our best judgment. We sincerely hope that those who might have preferred another site will accept this decision and will continue to cooperate with us in the main objective of furthering the cause of Saginaw Valley College.