

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE COLLEGE

BOARD OF CONTROL

MINUTES

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BOARD OF CONTROL
SAGINAW VALLEY STATE COLLEGE

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Pioneer Room--Pioneer Hall of Engineering and Technology
April 13, 1981

Present: Arbury
Curtiss
Kendall
Saltzman
Williams
Zahnow

Others

Present: Colvin
Dickey
Ferguson
Gilbert
Kilpatrick
Lange
Lee
Ropp
Rummel
Ryder
Sharp
Woodcock
Press (2)

Absent: Darin, excused
Gilmore, "

I. CALL TO ORDER

Because Chairman Curtiss was delayed by a telephone call, Vice Chairman Kendall called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting held on March 9, 1981

Vice Chairman Kendall stated that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 9, 1981 were mailed and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Hearing none, Vice Chairman Kendall declared the Minutes approved as mailed.

2. Official Representative of Faculty Association

Vice Chairman Kendall called for the official representative of the SVSC Faculty Association and found that there was no representative present.

3. Communications and Requests to Appear before the Board

Vice Chairman Kendall asked if there were any communications or requests to appear before the Board. President Ryder indicated he had none.

Chairman Curtiss assumed the Chair at 9:50 a.m. and indicated he'd like to report on a phone call he had just gotten from Dr. Gilmore.

3A. Report on Dr. Gilmore

Chairman Curtiss advised that Dr. Gilmore was still in the hospital, was feeling much better, was no longer on I-V's or any kind of monitoring, and would probably be going home some time this week...he might not be able to participate in Commencement, however...they would have to wait and see.

He expressed appreciation, on behalf of Dr. Gilmore, to each of those present, for the messages both he and Alma had gotten...Dr. Gilmore was very pleased that he was admitted at the hospital at 2:30 p.m. and that by 3:10 p.m. somebody from the college was already there...Dr. Gilmore felt that he was being well cared for, but was looking forward to going home.

4. Remarks by the President

President Ryder indicated he would just make a few remarks at this point. He referred to the one-page sheet, distributed earlier, covering appropriations for the public colleges and universities in Michigan as a result of action by both the House and the Senate (see Attachment), and asked the members of the Board to keep in mind that last year SVSC sustained a reduction from the 1979-80

ATTACHMENT

11. 4. Remarks by the President

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
(Figures in Thousands)

	1980-81 APPROP.	1981-82 GOV. REC.	1981-82 SEN. REC.	SUBCOMM. RECOMMEND.	CONFERENCE REPORT	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 1980-81
CNU	\$ 27,721.4	\$ 31,602.4	\$ 32,002.4	\$ 32,002.4	\$ 31,801.1	14.7%
EMU	32,796.0	35,867.3	36,731.5	36,891.5	36,806.6	12.2%
FSC	20,669.8	23,536.7	23,584.2	23,584.2	23,530.0	13.8%
GVSC	12,455.1	13,631.7	13,793.6	13,986.9	13,954.7	12.0%
LSSC	5,536.7	6,311.8	6,159.3	6,199.3	6,185.0	11.7%
MSU: MC	85,832.3	99,063.0	96,277.2	96,277.2	96,055.8	11.9%
MD	13,036.4	14,274.9	14,629.7	14,629.7	14,596.0	11.9%
DO	9,067.4	9,928.8	10,163.5	10,163.5	10,140.1	11.8%
DVM	5,005.2	5,480.7	5,455.7	5,705.7	5,692.6	13.7%
AHDL	633.9	694.1	691.0	691.0	689.4	8.7%
CSI	1,769.9	1,967.9	1,769.9	1,769.9	1,765.8	(.03)%
AG. EXP.	11,555.6	13,496.0	13,496.0	13,496.0	13,357.2	14.6%
COOP EXT.	10,495.4	12,002.4	11,940.1	11,940.1	11,912.6	13.5%
MSU TOTAL	\$137,496.2	\$156,907.8	\$154,423.1	\$154,673.1	\$154,209.5	12.1%
MTU: MC	18,907.2	21,554.2	21,586.3	21,586.3	21,349.3	12.8%
RI	1,346.5	1,501.3	1,467.4	1,467.4	1,467.4	9.0%
MTU TOTAL	\$ 20,253.7	\$23,055.5	\$23,053.7	\$23,053.7	\$22,816.7	12.6%
NNU	20,109.5	22,019.9	22,882.2	22,882.2	22,646.9	12.6%
OU	18,709.8	21,029.1	21,142.1	21,142.1	21,093.5	12.7%
SVSC	6,335.4	7,281.1	7,409.9	7,409.9	7,392.9	16.7%
UN-AA: MC	106,588.1	120,753.5	120,308.4	120,808.4	120,530.5	13.1%
MD	13,940.9	15,265.3	15,195.5	15,195.5	15,160.5	8.7%
DDS	6,906.5	7,562.6	7,528.1	7,528.1	7,510.8	8.7%
MHU	10,143.0	11,106.6	11,055.9	11,055.9	11,030.5	8.7%
UN-AA TOTAL	\$137,578.5	\$154,688.0	\$154,087.9	\$154,587.9	\$154,232.3	12.1%
UN-DEARBORN	8,923.4	10,235.6	10,003.1	10,003.1	9,980.1	11.8%
UN-FLINT	8,058.6	8,769.4	8,915.5	9,027.5	9,006.7	11.8%
WSU: MC	71,204.0	77,715.6	79,177.4	79,427.4	79,244.7	11.3%
MD	16,762.2	18,354.6	18,270.8	18,270.8	18,228.8	8.7%
ACE	4,250.5	5,987.0	4,633.0	5,772.0	5,758.7	35.5%
WSU TOTAL	\$92,216.7	\$102,057.2	\$102,081.2	\$103,470.2	\$103,232.2	11.9%
KMU	43,865.2	48,613.8	48,471.1	49,109.3	48,996.3	11.7%
GERONT.	842.6	939.5	918.4	918.4	916.3	8.7%
UPHEC	339.8	378.9	370.4	370.4	369.5	8.7%
TOTAL	\$593,908.4	\$666,925.7	\$666,029.6	\$669,312.1	\$667,170.3	12.3%
SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS						
Comp. Schol.	\$11,950.1	\$12,592.5	\$12,435.0	\$12,435.0	\$12,406.4	N.A.
Tuit. Grts.	13,760.5	14,000.0	14,000.0	14,000.0	13,967.8	N.A.
Leg. Merit	142.4	142.4	150.0	150.0	149.6	N.A.
Tuit. Different.	9,113.4	14,800.0	15,950.0	15,950.0	15,913.3	N.A.
Gen. Deg. Reimb.	2,798.3	3,019.2	3,019.0	3,019.0	3,012.1	N.A.
All. Health Grc.	410.0	410.0	410.0	422.0	421.0	N.A.
U of D Dental	2,670.8	3,000.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	2,993.1	N.A.
Law Degree	601.8	481.0	481.0	481.0	479.9	N.A.
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS	\$41,447.3	\$48,445.1	\$49,445.0	\$49,457.0	\$49,343.2	N.A.
GRAND TOTAL	\$635,355.7	\$715,370.8	\$715,474.6	\$718,769.1	\$716,513.5	12.8%

to 1980-81 of 6.13%, and when they looked at the right hand column entitled, "Percent Change from 1980-81" they would see that SVSC was at the top with a 16.7% increase, which, when averaged over the two years, meant only an increase of slightly over 5.0% per year.

Dr. Ryder indicated he thought it was important to point out that SVSC was at the top of all the other institutions...this was the first time, in his judgment, that the Governor's office had really recognized the growth and development of SVSC...particularly the growth in enrollment.

He reviewed what had transpired in Lansing...the Governor's recommendation of 14.9% increase for SVSC, the Senate's recommendation of 16.9% increase, the House's recommendation of 16.9% increase, and the final recommendation of the Conference Committee of 16.7% increase. He noted that SVSC had requested \$100,000 for the Business and Industrial Development Institute, which had been cut to \$85,000. While this was not showing up as a specific line item, Dr. Ryder said, it was in the tracking summary at \$85,000. Everything else was the same as what the Senate recommended.

Dr. Ryder observed that while all of them could feel very good about SVSC's appropriation on a comparable basis, that both the Governor's office and the legislators had recognized the institution's growth, which, of course, was very important...he would have felt better about it, however, if it were on a one-year base rather than being spread over two years, and without the loss SVSC sustained last year. This appropriation, in effect, was making up for part of that loss and bringing SVSC back with a fairly modest increase compared to inflation.

Therefore, Dr. Ryder stressed, at the Board's next meeting, he expected to bring to the Board the administration's recommendations for a tuition increase

which would exceed, the way he saw it right now, the surcharge of \$2.50 levied last year...he couldn't really say at this point what it would be...it was still being studied and would be discussed during the Business, Finance and Investments Committee meeting today, and then prior to the next Board meeting a specific recommendation would be made.

Dr. Ryder emphasized they wanted to keep the tuition increase as low as possible because SVSC had literally increased tuition rates every year...and for the first time in the history of the institution, at least since he had been with the college, increased them twice last year. Of importance, also, Dr. Ryder noted, the Federal Government under the Reagan administration was seeking to limit financial aid to students in a number of different directions...loans, BEOG grants, SEOG grants, etc., and if there were limitations placed on that side, beyond what they had in the past, and on the other side, SVSC had to raise tuition rates, that meant the students got it from both sides...increased tuition rates and a reduction in terms of financial aid support from the Federal Government. Dr. Ryder stated that he was not talking just about maintaining the same...he was talking about reductions, and clearly, this could affect access to higher education on the part of students...to what extent was always a question of judgment...they wouldn't really know until they had already levied the fees and found out that people couldn't come because of lack of resources or an unwillingness to pay the price.

Dr. Ryder suggested Mr. Kilpatrick might have some comments in connection with this.

Mr. Kilpatrick responded that he did have a question...would the tax amendment have an effect on this?

Dr. Ryder indicated he didn't think so. He said there had been discussion about how much of a shortfall the tax amendment, which would cut property taxes in half, with a limitation, he thought, of \$1,400 in property tax rebate, would produce at the state level. The initial estimation was \$250 million that would have to be made up by the state...the 1½% increase in the state sales tax would go back to the local level to make up for that, but the figure of \$250 million was being debated. The Governor did say in one of his messages that they had planned in the budget for \$125 million of that, so theoretically, there would be \$125 million left that would have to be made up by cuts in government, higher education or in something. If the auto sales moved rapidly and income increased at a faster rate than projected, then there would be no shortfall, but even if there were no shortfall, Dr. Ryder stressed, it was unexpected that there would be more money available to SVSC, and given the amount that was available to the college now, and what was available last year, it appeared to him and his administration that they were still going to have to raise tuition...thus, the tax amendment wouldn't really make any difference, unless SVSC were to be cut more.

In addition, Dr. Ryder advised, the Governor had already said that there was a likelihood that by October there would be an Executive Order requested of the legislature that would cut the appropriations for next year...that, of course, depended upon how resources came in...but, Dr. Ryder said, none of the institutions were really planning on receiving everything that was in the appropriations bill. Given that possibility, Dr. Ryder stressed, it seemed to him that SVSC would have to plan on the basis that it wouldn't receive the full appropriation and decide on a tuition rate on that basis.

Dr. Ryder noted that some institutions were recommending a tuition rate that

assumed there would be an Executive Order...if there were no Executive Order then the rate would be reduced...in so doing, they were giving flexibility to their presidents either to reduce the fee, for example, \$1.00 per credit hour, or conceivably, depending upon the timing, to increase the fee perhaps \$1.00 per credit hour, or something in that order. Dr. Ryder concluded that SVSC's administration had not settled on what it would be recommending to the Board on that count.

Mr. Zahnow stressed the importance of the passage of the Governor's new program...it seemed to him, he said, that they should encourage the action of a central group in Lansing, if that was not being done right now, to support it financially, and that SVSC should do its part in seeing that this was done, because there was the negative effect of Tisch in the background if that program were not won.

Dr. Ryder agreed and suggested this was something worthy of discussion by the Board. Personally, he said, he felt the amendment on the ballot was one which would lead to another Tisch amendment on the ballot in the fall of 1982...if this one didn't pass, Tisch would be there, and the likelihood of its passing, unless other things really changed, would be higher than it was the last time. If it did, he stressed, SVSC was in serious trouble as an institution and virtually every other institution in the state would also face the same situation.

Mrs. Saltzman pointed out that in her particular area, there was opposition to the Governor's proposal...particularly in school districts, because they were not sure the property tax was going to be made up by the state...she knew different districts were anticipating a loss of so many dollars, and she questioned being able to support the amendment.

Mrs. Saltzman indicated that two legislators in her area, who voted against the proposal, were finding it very complex even to explain, and they were very supportive, progressive types of legislators, who would also be opposed to Tisch. She reiterated that she would have some hesitation to support the tax shift unless it was made very clear to her what the results would be. She stressed she wouldn't mind reviewing the proposal, as Dr. Ryder had suggested earlier, in order to make a determination. She observed she was aware of an attitude on the part of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce with respect to the proposal but pointed out that she was not talking about anything official.

Mr. Curtiss noted that one of the major criticisms of the program in this area, of course, was that it did too much for Detroit. He asked Mrs. Saltzman to keep that in mind as she went back down there. He stressed that what this proposal was requesting was basically a constitutional amendment allowing the increase in the sales tax...it was independent of the state school aid bill, so there was no way under the current proposal to assure or guarantee a school district whether the funding was going to be made up or not, and they were not going to get that. On the other hand, he said, under any of these proposals that led to a reduction in state spending, somebody had to share the reduction, so it was very possible that K-12 education would share the reduction, at least minimally. Whether or not that would have, in effect, been protected under last year's Tisch proposal was a question that was never resolved to his satisfaction, or he thought, to that of most other people as well.

Referring to Mrs. Saltzman's comment about the proposal being very complex to explain, Mr. Zahnow stressed it had to be clarified...he didn't think the Governor's office and the people who were running the thing were making it as

clear as they should, and they were going to take a tough beating unless they got going. He asked what the timing was for the voting on the proposal.

Mr. Curtiss responded that May 19, 1981 was the date set for the vote on the current proposal...just five weeks away. He observed that the Governor's proposal would still leave a lot of legislative discretion. Obviously, he said, the sales tax was going to fluctuate in terms of the revenue it produced, more than the property tax, and if there were going to be a shift away from a stable tax to a more volatile tax to fund K-12 education, then it was probably going to be reflected in K-12 budgets, just as it was reflected in SVSC's budgets currently when the income tax fluctuated.

Dr. Ryder concluded that his report on appropriations had led into the discussion of the Governor's proposed amendment...he was not prepared to make any kind of a recommendation at this time about the amendment. He agreed with Mr. Zahnow that the proposal needed clarification, urged the Board members to watch developments closely, and indicated he would forward information on the proposal to them as soon as it was made available to him.

III. ACTION ITEMS

5. Recommendation for Increase in Board and Room Rates for 1981-82

Dr. Ryder distributed copies of a corrected attachment for this Agenda item and suggested that Mr. Woodcock review the recommendation.

Chairman Curtiss indicated that before he did so, the proposed resolution, which was in the Board packets, should be offered for adoption.

RES-499 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Sufficient information regarding projected operating expenses of the housing and food service operations can be ascertained;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That effective for the Fall Semester of 1981-82, the academic year board and room charges will be as follows:

	<u>Meals per Week</u>	
	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>
Room and Board	\$ 2,122	\$ 2,042
Resident Hall Association	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,126</u>	<u>\$ 2,046</u>
Extra Charge for Single Room	<u>\$ 330</u>	<u>\$ 330</u>

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Miscellaneous Room and Board Rates as per attached document be approved effective September 1, 1981, unless otherwise indicated.

Noting that the resolution had been moved and supported, Chairman Curtiss called upon Mr. Woodcock to review.

Mr. Woodcock called attention to the corrected attachment sheet for the resolution and pointed out that he had inadvertently used incorrect dollar amounts in the first four figures under "Current"...the original amounts were the rates approved for the spring session a year ago, and then last month, the Board approved an increase for the spring and summer sessions to \$195 and \$280 respectively. Everything else on the original distribution, he said, remained the same.

Mr. Woodcock noted that the proposed dormitory board and room charges as well as the proposed miscellaneous room and board rates had been completely reviewed by the Business, Finance and Investments Committee. He reviewed in detail and advised that no increase for the cost of fuels had been included

ATTACHMENT
 RES-499 Recommendation for SAGINAW VALLEY STATE COLLEGE
 Increase in Board and Room MISCELLANEOUS ROOM AND BOARD RATES
 Rates for 1981-82 Effective September 1, 1981
 (Unless Otherwise Noted)

<u>Academic Sessions</u> (Housing only -- 1982)		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Spring Session			
Double bedroom occupancy (2 per bedroom)		\$ 195.00	\$ 215.00
Single bedroom occupancy (1 per bedroom)		280.00	300.00
Summer Session			
Double bedroom occupancy (2 per bedroom)		195.00	215.00
Single bedroom occupancy (1 per bedroom)		280.00	300.00
Class Seminars			
Double bedroom occupancy (2 per bedroom)		4.00/night	4.50/night
Single bedroom occupancy (1 per bedroom)		7.50/night	8.00/night
<u>Guest Rooms</u> (Housing only, except freshman orientation)			
Double bedroom occupancy (2 per bedroom)		4.00/night 25.00/week	4.50/night 27.50/week
Single bedroom occupancy (1 per bedroom)		7.50/night 40.00/week	8.00/night 42.50/week
American Youth Hostels		3.00/night	4.00/night
Freshman Orientation (Effective June 1, 1981)			
Room (one night only)		4.00	4.00
Board (2 partial days, refreshments, snacks)		14.90	16.35**
<u>Internal Sponsored Activities</u> (Paid from College Funds)			
Minimum of two nights			
Room		2.50/night	2.75/night
Board		Negotiable	Negotiable
<u>Conferences</u>			
		Effective May 1, 1981	
Conference Count	Room Rates	Board Rates	Total
1-50	4.50	Not Available	4.50
50-100 51-100	4.25	9.00	13.25
Over 100	4.00	8.50	12.50
Single rooms (space permitting)		8.00	8.00
		Effective May 1, 1982	
Conference Count	Room Rates	Board Rates	Total
1-50	4.50	Not Available	4.50
50-100 51-100	4.25	9.50	13.75
Over 100	4.00	9.00	13.00
Single rooms (space permitting)		8.00	8.00

Board only Contracts

(For students unable to reside in the Residence Halls
 because of Residence Halls at maximum capacity)

Meal Plan	Cost Per Semester	
	Current	Proposed
21	\$ 580.00	\$ 640.00
15	550.00	600.00

*Rate may vary according to services and
 selections desired, number of persons
 involved, and length of the activity.

**If the orientation format changes,
 the administration is authorized to
 adjust the charges accordingly.

in the rates for 1981-82. He indicated that he had been hearing that the cost might be increasing any place from 50% to 100% because of the deregulation of gas etc. He stated that they had not passed that through at this time for two reasons...(1) it was still quite speculative as to what the actual effect of that would be and (2) there was an Energy Conservation Committee at work on campus, and hopefully, out of that committee there would be recommendations for ways to effect energy savings insofar as utilization of units of BTU was concerned.

If that took place, Mr. Woodcock said, it might not be necessary to increase the rate as much as otherwise...they would be monitoring the situation during the fall semester and if energy savings did not take place, or the rates went up, perhaps double from what they were now, it might be necessary to come back to the Board second semester for a further adjustment...at this point in time, however, the administration did not feel it was fair to the students to include additional costs for energy.

Chairman Curtiss asked if there were any comments or questions.

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that he had heard about the increased rates about a month ago and talked with some of the dormitory students about them. He noted that a major complaint was the lack of adequate repair in the dormitories...he had been told that Mr. Woodcock and Dr. Beal had gone through some of the dorms last summer, but the students were concerned, especially about repairs right now, and during the year. He said he had learned that windows had been broken out and not replaced promptly and that garbage pick-up was inadequate...he was not a part of the dorms, so he could only report on what he had heard.

Mr. Woodcock recalled that up until about two years ago the dormitories were far from being filled, and consequently, financial situations were very tight. It was hard, he said, to do many things that perhaps needed to be done in the dorms. The administration recognized that, and last summer, Dr. Gilbert, Dr. Beal, Mr. Ferguson and he toured approximately half of the dorm suites personally, although an inventory had already been taken of the situation. As a result, based upon the amount of money they had, approval was given for quite a few changes.

For example, some types of things were beyond the students' control...in some of the dorm suites, a mold problem had occurred on the cement block walls, and steps were taken to eliminate that problem with the use of a special type paint.

In some instances, students had somewhat abused the dorms...screens had been taken in and out, rather than being left in place, and they were broken, and those screens were replaced.

The budget for repairs and capital expenditures for 1979-80, Mr. Woodcock noted, was approximately \$17,800...it was increased for 1980-81, and for this year alone, SVSC would be spending in excess of \$47,000 just for repairs in the dorms, tentatively \$45,600 was incorporated in the rates for 1981-82.

Mr. Woodcock reiterated that the administration had been concerned about the dorms...there were other types of things that needed to be done to get the quality up, and now it was planned that over the next three years it would be raised to a very high level. He concluded that this coming summer there would be considerably more improvements made in the dorms.

Mr. Curtiss asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Mrs. Dickey referred to the attachment sheet and noted that under "Conferences

and sub-title "Conference Count" she thought a small amendment would be in order... to avoid a crisis decision when somebody had exactly 50 people, she suggested that "50-100" be changed to 51-100." It was unanimously agreed that this change should be made.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Curtiss called for a vote.

Motion unanimously carried to adopt RES-499 approving board and room rates and miscellaneous room and board rates for 1981-82.

6. Recommendation for Revision in College Travel Policy

Chairman Curtiss indicated that a proposed resolution covering this Agenda item had been included in the Board packets and asked if someone would care to move its adoption.

RES-500 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, in recognition that the operating expenses of personal automobiles is increasing and after a review of Internal Revenue Service regulations and policies of other Michigan four-year public institutions of higher education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Paragraph 1 under the heading of Transportation of the travel regulation policy, Resolution 460, adopted by the Board of Control on May 2, 1980, be modified as set forth below, to be effective July 1, 1981.

Transportation

1. Personal Vehicle--Travel by private automobile will be reimbursed at the established College rate of \$.20 per official map mile and for reasonable vicinity mileage where a motor pool vehicle is not available. Mileage reimbursement may not exceed the cost of round-trip economy airfare and airport limousine. Travelers using more than one car where one would be sufficient will receive a proportionate share of the reimbursement for one car. If at the option of the traveler, a personal car is used, reimbursement will be at \$.18 per mile.

Chairman Curtiss asked if there were any discussion.

Mr. Woodcock pointed out that in 1979 the Board adopted a comprehensive travel policy which was reviewed annually to determine if there were certain aspects of it which needed to be revised. It was revised in 1980, and this requested revision for 1981 pertains to the amount which SVSC would reimburse individuals who utilized their personal cars for travel. He reviewed the resolution, which, he said, spoke for itself, and indicated that the administration recommended its adoption.

Mr. Curtiss asked what the IRS was now allowing. Mr. Woodcock responded that the IRS currently allowed \$.20 per mile and that it was his understanding that it might go up to \$.22 or \$.22½ per mile, but the administration was not proposing that SVSC's rate go up that high.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Curtiss called for a vote.

Motion unanimously carried to adopt RES-500 covering a revision in the College travel policy.

7. Recommendation for the Establishment of a Nominating Committee for 1981-82 Board of Control Officers

Chairman Curtiss stated that under the By-Laws of the SVSC Board of Control its annual organizational meeting was specified as the May meeting, which would be the next regular meeting.

Although there was a provision in the By-Laws for special committees to be established by the Board, he said, there was no provision for a nominating committee for Board officers...therefore, he was recommending that a special committee be established to serve as a Nominating Committee for Board Officers. Since it was not clear in the By-Laws how such a committee should be established, Mr. Curtiss noted, he would be glad to suggest three members of the Board who might serve on

the Nominating Committee for Board Officers. He named Mr. Zahnow, as Chairman, Mrs. Arbury and Mrs. Darin, and then asked Mr. Zahnow to convene the committee over the telephone and bring the committee's nominations to the May meeting.

Mr. Curtiss asked for Board approval of the appointments and suggested that a motion was in order at this time.

BM-586 It was moved and supported that the following three Board members be appointed to a Nominating Committee for 1981-82 Board of Control Officers:

Melvin J. Zahnow--Chairman
Dorothy D. Arbury
Barbara L. Darin

Chairman Curtiss asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

Motion unanimously carried.

7A. Appointment of G. James Williams to a Committee of the Board of Control

President Ryder reminded Chairman Curtiss that the Board's new member, Dr. G. James Williams, had not been appointed to a committee.

Chairman Curtiss observed that he believed the appointments to the standing committees of the Board were the prerogative of the Chair, and with the Board's permission, he would like to suggest that Dr. Williams be appointed as a member of the Business, Finance and Investments Committee. He asked Dr. Williams if he would serve on this committee, and Dr. Williams agreed to do so.

7B. Interim Appointment to the Investments Committee

Dr. Ryder indicated he had just been advised by Mr. Woodcock that there was a need to make an interim appointment to this separate committee, composed of Mr. Zahnow, Dr. Gilmore and Mr. Woodcock. Having certain proposed guidelines

now for the Investments Committee to review, and with Dr. Gilmore out for an unknown period, Dr. Ryder said, it might be desirable for Mr. Curtiss to make an interim appointment.

Mr. Curtiss indicated he would be glad to do so and asked Dr. Williams if he would serve. Dr. Williams responded that he would if there were no conflict of interest...he served on the Chemical Bank Board.

Mr. Woodcock explained that this Investments Committee was involved with the overall policies with respect to investments of the College and the committee made no decisions at all pertaining to investments...thus, he could see no conflict of interest with respect to Dr. Williams' appointment.

Based upon this explanation, Mr. Curtiss asked Dr. Williams if he would serve on the Investments Committee, at least in Dr. Gilmore's absence, and perhaps continuing. Dr. Williams agreed to serve.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Review Arbor Day Project

Dr. Ryder observed that he had mentioned this project in the past...the basic idea was to have a day which the faculty, staff and student body could assist in planting trees on the college campus which would, in effect, be a contribution to the future of the campus, the future development of the campus, and would provide something for students who could come back in years to come and recognize that they had a part to play in the beautification of the campus.

With them today, Dr. Ryder noted, was Tom Ferguson, Director of Plant Services, and Ken Ropp, Grounds Specialist and Landscape Architect, who were prepared to review the project with the Board of Control.

Dr. Ryder indicated that as they watched the grounds last year, and again this year, they could really see Mr. Ropp's hand at work, because a great many improvements were being made in the plantings of flowers and shrubs and the placement of trees which really had enhanced the campus.

Mr. Ropp gave the date of the Arbor Day project as April 25, 1981, and by means of a poster entitled, "HELP TURN THE CAMPUS GREEN--ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION--APRIL 25" and a map, he gave a comprehensive report.

The Board learned:

- ...That an Arbor Day Committee was hard at work
- ...About soil and site conditions on campus
- ...About a controlled environment for young plantings
- ...About identification of a 1½ acre plot next to the Children's Center
- ...About the types of trees to be planted...deciduous and evergreen and numbers
- ...About the possibility of the Arbor Day Celebration evolving into a Nursery
- ...About the educational experience for participants
- ...About the possibility of a cooperative effort with Delta, CMU and Grand Valley
- ...About the donation of 12 flowering trees from MSU
- ...About expressed interest by Bay City and the Career Opportunity Center
- ...About a clinic seminar for the Career Opportunity Center of Saginaw
- ...About the needs on campus of plant materials for the next 3 to 5 years
- ...About the current cost of plantings purchased and the wholesale value in 5 years
- ...About the row plantings and spacing
- ...About the irrigation

...About the fertilization after one year

Mr. Zahnow pointed out two things he would like to see done...(1) he would like to see native white pines included in the plantings...(2) relocating as many of the Austrian pines from the bosks in the years remaining before it would be impossible to do so.

Dr. Ryder advised that in committee today there would be discussion about these trees.

Mr. Zahnow indicated there was another point he would like to bring up... he referred to the leaf trees planted around the campus which had been growing very slowly...the State of Michigan let out a contract for them, and he had a feeling that they were not nursery trees but were taken right out of the forest. He stressed that he would like to see different varieties of leaf trees planted.

Mr. Ropp advised that diversification was planned...the black gum and the sweet gum, both of which did very well in a wet soil environment, unfortunately were not grown in a nursery because they were not popular trees. He had, however, made some contacts with people at MSU and MSU was willing to donate what they called "cuttings" or "softwood transplants" which would add to the deciduous plantings on campus.

Dr. Williams referred to the cooperative effort Mr. Ropp had talked about and noted that sometimes cooperation involved more than cooperation, and questioned if SVSC were asking for a lot of trouble by involving so many different institutions and possibly political entities such as Bay City or Bay County. He concluded he would be very leary about some aspects of a cooperative effort, and suggested that they proceed with caution.

Dr. Ryder thanked Dr. Williams for bringing up that point and indicated they would keep it in mind as the project developed. He also thanked Mr. Ropp and Mr. Ferguson for coming.

9. Review Modification in NCA Visitation Schedule

Dr. Ryder reported that given the finances of the state, and the lack of movement on IF No. 2, SVSC had asked the North Central Association to give it a little more time before the visitation that they had scheduled for next fall. This request had been granted, he said, and now rather than a report being due this May, with visitation next fall, the report would be due on January 15, 1982 and the visitation on March 25 and 26, 1982.

The NCA, he said, understood the problems of the State of Michigan, and he thought that by then things would be somewhat better, and at least steps could have been taken that would clearly indicate where SVSC was going.

While SVSC had already done a lot of planning, etc. he thought NCA would like to see specific action steps...much of which related to finances, and of course, the State of Michigan's decision on new facility development.

For the benefit of the Board, Dr. Ryder advised that some of the questions that were raised by NCA had been addressed directly, and he felt that by next year, SVSC would be able to report a great deal of progress.

10. Review Plans for 1981 Annual Commencement

Dr. Sharp noted that Commencement, of course, was the highlight of SVSC's academic year, and although he thought the Board members already had the schedule of events on their calendars, and would also be receiving letters from President Ryder, he would briefly review.

The schedule of events for Commencement Day, Saturday, May 9, 1981 is as follows:

11:30 a.m.--luncheon at the Bay City Country Club

1:00 p.m.--assembly in the gymnasium for the processional

1:30 p.m.--processional and commencement

Dr. Sharp advised that 450 bachelor's and 239 master's degrees would be awarded, or a total of 689 degrees. Other awards will be two honorary degrees, the Landee award, and the Distinguished Alumni award. Alumni Association members will serve as ushers, and music will be provided by Professor Root's concert band.

Following commencement, there will be two receptions...one in back of the gym for the graduates, parents and friends...and another for the platform party at the presidential residence to honor the honorary degree recipients.

11. Announcement of Board of Control Retreat to Review Proposed Institutional Objectives for Period up to 1984-85

Dr. Ryder advised that Mrs. Darin had advised him she would have a problem with respect to Thursday, May 7, 1981, and suggested perhaps they should review this date with the Board members present to determine if all of them could be present on May 7, 1981.

Dr. Williams indicated it would be a problem for him because it was the date of the Dow Chemical Company's Board meeting.

Mr. Curtiss noted that Dr. Gilmore might not be able to make the meeting either.

Discussion revealed it would be desirable to change the date, and after exploring possible dates, it was decided to begin this Retreat with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Private Dining Room in Doan Center on Tuesday, May 12,

followed by an all-day session on Wednesday, May 13, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and hopefully concluding at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Ryder asked the Board members present to put those dates on their calenders and expressed the hope that Mrs. Darin would be able to attend.

12. Sponsored Programs Report

Dr. Ryder distributed copies of this report for March 1 through March 30, 1981. He noted that most of the grants requests were still out...some would be coming in yet this spring and others would go on until October. He suggested the Board members might want to review when they had time.

13. Personnel Report

Dr. Ryder distributed copies of this report dated April 13, 1981. With respect to the position of Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Control, he advised that an offer was made in January which was turned down. As a result of the uncertainty of the fiscal situation, he said, he had delayed in pressing ahead on it. He stressed it was one of those things that he felt needed to be done badly, but since the action of the legislature and its recommendation for SVSC, once he had a chance to evaluate it again, he thought he would continue to pursue that position.

Mr. Curtiss referred to the listing of the position of Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Control and "Advertising completed" and asked if that was the original advertising.

Dr. Ryder responded that that was the original advertising and there was a question of whether or not he would have to resubmit it now, because that was held up for a almost a year, even from the original advertising.

Mr. Curtiss stated that he recognized there was a resolution in the record asking Dr. Ryder to move ahead with this position...he didn't know if any of the Board members had any feelings at this point or not, but his own personal feeling was that perhaps Dr. Ryder should move with some caution at this point.

He asked if there were any comments by other Board members on this position. There were none.

Dr. Ryder acknowledged Mr. Curtiss' comment.

Mr. Curtiss noted the six positions...two in Accounting...two in Management...and two in Education and asked if there were replacements or new positions.

Dr. Ryder advised that all six were new positions.

Mr. Curtiss noted also that Dr. Lange was losing two faculty members in Nursing since the report said "replacements."

Dr. Ryder advised that the computer operator was for the Valley Library Consortium. He outlined the progress that had been made in this development and indicated that at some point in the not too distant future, there would be an Open House so that the Board members could see the computer room and have a full orientation.

V. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

14. SVSC Students in Free Enterprise Victory

Dr. Ryder noted he had just received a news release from Information Services regarding the SVSC students' victory as first place winner in the 1981 Michigan/Indiana regional "Students in Free Enterprise" contest, which would send them to New York July 19 to 21 to compete for national honors against 25 regional finalists

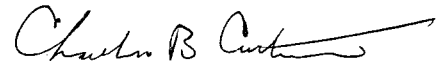
from 18 states, and the second year in a row that SVSC's students in free enterprise had won first place in the Michigan/Indiana regional, which Mr. Kilpatrick advised, included 10 schools.

Dr. Ryder suggested rather than to go into too much detail, he would see that the Board members got copies of the news release.

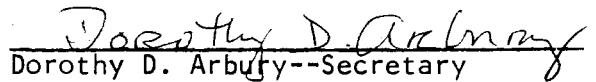
V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, Chairman Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles B. Curtiss--Chairman



Dorothy D. Arbury--Secretary

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