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BOARD OF CONTROL
Regular Meeting
1:30 p.m.
Board of Control Room - Wickes Hall
February 14, 1994

Present: Curtiss
Escobedo
Gilbertson
Kelly
Roberts
Rush
Ward

Absent: Braun
Walpole

Others
Present: G. Corser
J. Fallon
J. Finzel
S. Hocquard
C. Lange
J. Muladore
J. Olvera
R. Payne
J. Plachta
F. Porterfield
D. Roberts
R. Ruffin
J. Stanley
R. Thompson
J. Woodcock
B. Yien
Press (2)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Curtiss called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. with Board members Escobedo, Kelly, Roberts and Ward in attendance. He noted that a quorum was present.

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda and Additions and Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing no objection, Trustee Curtiss ordered the agenda approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 1993 Regular Meeting

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 17, 1993 regular monthly meeting be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Trustee Curtiss recognized Professor George Corser, Chairperson of the Faculty Association, who read the attached statement. (See Appendix One: Corser)

(Chairperson Rush joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.)

Chairperson Rush thanked Professor Corser for his comments.

D. Communications and Requests to Appear before the Board

There were no communications or requests to appear before the Board.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1) Resolution to Approve Faculty Tenure

RES-1085 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Faculty tenure provides continuous employment of a faculty member for at least a basic two-semester appointment during each fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, Tenure status is achieved when a faculty member is recommended by the Professional Practices Committee and by the Administration for continuous appointment henceforth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following faculty members be granted tenure, as provided by the terms of the SVSU-Faculty Association agreement, effective July 1, 1994.

Dr. William Barnett

Dr. Jonathan Leonard

Dr. Bradley Miller

Dr. Marc Peretz

Dr. Surender Reddy

Dr. Joseph Shlien

Dr. Carrie Sorensen

Sociology

Electrical Engineering

Political Science

Music

Management

Mechanical Engineering

Teacher Education

President Gilbertson stated: "This comes to you after the usual process whereby faculty members who are candidates for tenure are reviewed by their department, by the Professional Practices Committee -- which includes members of the faculty -- and by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and myself. These are the candidates who have successfully completed that process, and we recommend them to you....The criteria for tenure are set forth in our agreement with the Faculty Association, as is the process....The weight of the evaluation surrounds teaching performance -- that is our primary mission. The faculty are also scrutinized on their performance in both scholarly and professional activities as well as campus and community service."

Chairperson Rush asked for comments or questions. There were none.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2) Resolution to Approve Bachelor of Science with a Major in Environmental Chemistry

RES-1086 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Department of Chemistry, the President and the Dean have

proposed a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Environmental Chemistry program, and WHEREAS, The faculty ratified the proposed program at its January 13, 1994 meeting, and members of the Presidents Council voted unanimously in support of the program at its January 18, 1994 meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the proposed Bachelor of Science with a Major in Environmental Chemistry program be approved effective July 1, 1994.

Dr. Robert S.P. Yien, Vice President for Academic Affairs, told the Board: "This is the first time in the State of Michigan there has been a major in Environmental Chemistry at the undergraduate level. We are very proud to be the first to offer this as a major. We are talking about recruiting students beginning fall, 1994. Actual recruitment is underway now. My office is working closely with our Office of Public Affairs to make this known to the community and to the State of Michigan."

President Gilbertson added: "This has come up through the Curriculum Committee and was ratified by the faculty....It has also been approved by the state-wide Council of Academic Officers."

Chairperson Rush asked for discussion. There was none.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3) Resolution to Approve Appointment of Ms. Anne Thompson to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board

RES-1087 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board shall be comprised of qualified individuals who will have the responsibility of advising the President of the University and the SVSU Board of Control regarding major decisions of the Gallery; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anne Thompson has demonstrated a sincere interest and willingness to assist the Gallery in its endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Gallery Board recommend that Ms. Anne Thompson be appointed for a partial three-year term expiring in June, 1995;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Ms. Anne Thompson be appointed for a partial three-year term expiring in June, 1995.

President Gilbertson stated: "This Board was established at the time the Gallery was completed in 1988. It is comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks, as well as a number of others who have been supporters or who might be anticipated to lend support in the future for this Gallery. It is an advisory Board, but it also spends a good deal of time in meetings and making recommendations about the acquisitions of various pieces of sculpture, about the maintenance, upkeep, staffing, and programming for the Gallery, as well as fund raising for the Gallery. This is an important group of people who are very helpful to us in supporting and promoting this wonderful asset that we have both for the campus and the region. I believe that Ms. Thompson comes on the recommendation of the Arburys and the Fredericks by virtue of her interest in the Gallery and her willingness to both serve and to help support the Gallery in the future. We recommend strongly that she be approved."

Chairperson Rush stated that he had known Ms. Thompson and her husband for several years, and that he was sure she would do a good job on the Gallery Board.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4) Staff Member of the Month

Debwin Roberts, Staff Member of the Month for January, and John Plachta, Staff Member of the Month for February, were presented to the Board. (See Appendix Two: Roberts, and Appendix Three: Plachta)

5) Report on Doan Center Expansion

Steve Hocquard, Director of Engineering Services, reported that the Doan Center expansion and remodeling is proceeding on schedule. Bid in two phases, foundation work

and some of the major sewer work for the expansion were completed and covered before bitter cold weather set in. Wolgast Construction of Freeland is the general contractor for the project.

The second phase, bid in January, is within budget and proceeding according to plan. Quality, local contractors have been chosen and include: Affleck Electric Co, of Bay City; Bruno Martin Company Roofers, of Saginaw; Mid-State Plumbers of Mount Pleasant; and Kirchman Brothers of Bay City, who will supply food service equipment. Target dates call for Housing and Residential Life to be relocated in May. The Bookstore is to be moved into renovated space by mid-July and should be open for business by mid-August.

The budget for this project is approximately \$5 million. The construction portion is roughly \$3.9 million. Approximately \$200,000 is being carried in contingency. Costs for the First Phase were approximately \$380,000.

It is hoped that the Doan Center expansion project will be totally finished by September.

6) West Complex Update

Dr. Crystal Lange, Dean of the College of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences, and Chair of the West Complex Planning Committee, showed the Board a footprint of the new building and explained that it will connect Doan Center with the Arbury Fine Arts Center. The new kitchen in Doan Center will provide food services for the banquets and conferences and other events being held in the West Complex. There will be some expansion of parking in that area.

Dr. Lange reviewed overheads of various spaces in the West Complex and discussed

the atrium, 600-seat theatre, 350-seat recital hall, student lounges, conference area, support service areas, classroom and storage areas, and the technology/telecommunications center. She noted that the third floor of the facility will house offices for the faculty and staff of the College of Business and Management.

Plans for the Complex are expected to go to the state for review later this month and should be returned to the University for any modifications early in March. Plans call for bid documents to be started in April with final approval in May and contract awards by late June. Work on the \$33 million structure should be underway by mid-July.

7) Founders Building Update

President Gilbertson told the Board that plans for the Founders Building are receiving attention from acoustical experts, because one of its uses will be as a musical recital hall. The structure, which will be constructed of wood, stone and glass, should be completed by early December.

Dr. Gilbertson added: "We will now have a wonderful array of appropriately sized facilities. The theatre in the West Complex will seat 600, which is ample for most of our academic performances as well as other major types of productions. Anything beyond that will likely go to the Ryder Center -- commencements, and that sort of thing. The recital hall will contain 350 seats. The Founders Building will hold 120-130. We will now be able to have the right size facility for the various events we're likely to have. All of them will be of a unique and interesting and dignified character. That's something our campus lacks for all of our performances at this time."

VI. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Gilbertson told the Board: "This school year started off not just with a note of cold, but a note of sadness. The cold forced us to close a couple of days, in part because of our civic responsibility and at the request of the local power company....It has been an interesting January. But it has also been a very sad time. There have been three losses of inestimable value to the University and the community. Over the break there was the tragic killing of Mary Gordon, who was the mother of one of our students, and who worked at the Seven-Eleven on Pierce and Bay Roads. She had become, in her own way, a member of the University community. She didn't just dispense gasoline and soft drinks, but advice and friendship. She had become very close to a number of our students. This shows us that none of us is safe in a world of senseless violence. She was slain by a robber who took the grand sum of \$20 for her life. There is great sadness on the campus because of that.

"We also had two untimely deaths of distinguished members of our faculty -- Charlie Brown and Tom Yun. Both joined the faculty in 1969 -- they were members of the faculty for almost 25 years. In 1969 it took a sort of daring for a person to invest their career in a fledgling idea of a university such as we were at that time. Charlie taught Music and Music History. He was also a keyboard artist himself. Some of you have heard him perform....He was kind of an original campus character -- author of a widely used textbook on the history of rock and roll. He was a fascinating guy who died of coronary disease at the age of 48.

"Tom Yun was a very distinguished Physicist....He was a recipient of the Warrick Award for Excellence in Research -- a very distinguished and distinctive gentleman, who

passed away at a hospital in Ann Arbor a few weeks ago."

President Gilbertson reported that the wind had caused extensive damage to the roof of Wickes Hall. One half to two thirds of the building will have to be reroofed, at an approximate cost of \$100,000. This was the original roof -- it was about 23 years old.

Overall enrollments this semester were strong -- about a 2.5% increase over a year ago. This is a larger increase than had been anticipated. The administration will be coming back to the Board with a budget that will reflect the increase in enrollments.

President Gilbertson concluded: "We have initiated a long overdue project that we discussed with the Board first last spring when you approved certain goals for the academic year -- the redevelopment of the Campus Master Plan. This comes not only as a mandate from you to us, but it also comes as a legislative mandate. All of the state universities are being directed to update their Campus Master Plans.

"Obviously a number of decisions have been made about the siting of our new facilities. We think they're consistent with the old plan, but that plan was last adopted in 1978-79....so it obviously is dated. However, the basic concepts of this Master Plan have been followed....The notion of a core campus formed around a central area is, in fact, the way we have developed building by building -- or complex by complex....The West Complex will, in fact, complete that core area in many ways.

"So one of the key questions to ask ourselves in campus master planning is what next? We do not anticipate any other major construction, certainly not until the late '90s in all likelihood (with the possible exception of a utility plant). But beyond that expansion....what direction should we take? Try to retain this core? Move into a different direction? Also,

what should we do with the other significant pieces of campus or real estate that we have?

The planning process needs to be updated not only to include the decisions we have already made and the buildings that are either here or on their way, but to give us some direction and some opportunity to think about future directions for additional campus expansion, additional campus needs, uses of real estate, or potential uses of real estate that is currently unutilized or underutilized, and the like.

"One of the other decisions this group will have to help us make will be the allocation internally of the campus space we expect to have available in two years when the College of Business and Management moves into the West Complex. We also anticipate the return of the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) facility in two or three years....We want to make certain that our movement into that facility is a planned movement....I have asked Jerry Woodcock (Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs) and Jan Lyddon (Director of Institutional Research) to chair a team of people that will be working with Johnson, Johnson and Roy on the development of some ideas, and at various junctures in the planning process we will be reconnecting with the Board for your advice, counsel and direction so that hopefully in nine months or so we'll have a document that might guide us in future decision making."

Trustee Curtiss asked where the funding for the Master Plan was coming from.

President Gilbertson replied: "There is a mandate. We are basically going to use one-time funding from balances of the current year to retain Johnson, Johnson and Roy. We anticipate that we will not ask them to come in and do the Master Plan for us, but we will retain them as consultants to help ask the right questions, to help us prepare the

documents and to think about some of the concepts. But the plan will be done by internal people."

Chairperson Rush asked: "Is this a new mandate, or is this just the implementation of a long-standing mandate that covers X number of years?"

President Gilbertson replied: "It was included in the last capital bill -- the one that appropriated the \$33.5 million for the West Complex."

Chairperson Rush asked: "Prior to that there was no regular periodic appraisal?"

President Gilbertson replied: "No. You had directed us to revisit the year's goals....We'll be touching base with you at various times with this project."

Chairperson Rush asked: "Who in Lansing is the mandate coming from?"

President Gilbertson replied: "It was part of the capital bill adopted by the legislature."

Chairperson Rush asked: "Pertaining to education specifically?"

Dr. John A. Fallon, Vice President, Office of Public Affairs, stated: "Before the West Complex was approved, it was contingent upon an updated Master Plan, and it was made clear from that point forward for any additional construction that an updated Master Plan would be required at all times -- for all 15 (of Michigan's public universities)."

President Gilbertson added: "It is not an unreasonable request, and we probably should have done this earlier, but we're going to get to it now."

VII. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no other items for consideration.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

8) Motion to Adjourn

BM-849 It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.

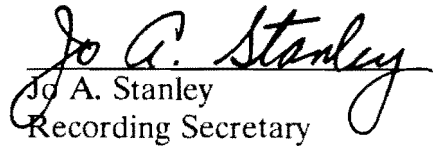
The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Chairperson Rush adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas E. Rush
Chairperson

Robert H. Walpole
Secretary



Jo A. Stanley
Recording Secretary

Presented at Board of control Meeting of 2/14/94

The Awe-fullness of Office

Whether appointed or elected, holders of office, high and low, have a special need for guidance. Political selection wraps around one no mantle of morality or virtue as an addition to the person. Holding office does not impart automatically any special judgement of wisdom not present in the person. Executing the duties of office does not have necessarily compassionate results.

Office filling and office holding are essentially about exercising power, an exercise for which human beings have demonstrated a need for balance and guidance.

Advice is everywhere in a form that is "ready reference: easy to use." For example, a recently received brochure advertises "Ready Reference, Ethics" with 825 topics in 27 categories and promises "Ethics is easy to use" at a pre publication price of \$225.00. By calling a toll free number, one may secure the ethical equivalent of instant coffee.

Fortunately, there are more enduring principles for guiding human behavior that apply as well to the "ins" and "outs" of office. Consider the following selected passages as a time honored source of guidance from someone who never held office but gave meaning to words by the conduct of his life.

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. "

"No man can serve two masters for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

These words of guidance seem to me to be appropriate for those who will decide whether or not to bomb in Bosnia, how to reform medical care and welfare, how to reform Michigan school funding, whether to continue to mandate public prayer, or which individual path to follow.

May the SVSU community continue to strive to be a good tree known by its fruits. May our community be a genuine community, one in which there are no sides. According to M. Scott Peck in The Different Drum, "A community is a group that can fight gracefully" in an "amphitheater where the gladiators have laid down their weapons and their armor, where they have become skilled at listening and understanding, where they respect each other's gifts and accept each other's limitations, where they celebrate their differences and bind each other's wounds, where they are committed to struggling together rather than against each other. It is a most unusual battleground indeed."

The messages emanating from our community, as seen and heard by ourselves and others, will be carried with increased credibility when our deeds are in harmony with our words. Subsequently words might become superfluous.



STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

Debwin Roberts

**Administrative
Secretary,
Office of
Scholarships
and Student
Financial Aid**

January 1994

In 1971, two years out of high school and after completing courses at Saginaw's O.I.C., Deb Roberts interviewed for a job at Saginaw Valley College. She was hired into her first and, as it turns out, only place of employment.

"I began in the Registrar's Office as a transcript clerk," Roberts recalls. "Dr. Ann Dickey was Registrar then."

In 1973 Roberts transferred to the Financial Aid Office and has been there ever since. She has witnessed many changes during her 20-year stint there.

Initially, all processing of financial aid forms was done manually, she says. "There was just one secretary—me—and about four students. We all worked together on National Direct Student Loan and other financial aid forms and tasks. We came in on Saturdays to get all the award letters mailed out on time."

The first computers were put into use in the office in "about 1976, and we were able to process records electronically. That was a great day!" she smiles.

Since that time, the computer systems have become more sophisticated, enabling Roberts and other Scholarships and Student Financial Aid staff to cope with increasing work loads.

Today she functions as an office manager.

"I make sure that everything is going smoothly and that we have everything we need," she says. She also handles verification duties for Pell Grants.

"That entails gathering tax forms and other financial documents to verify income that is coming into the household and entering that data into the computer. The information is transferred to Central Processing in Washington, D.C. and electronically sent back to us to create an accurate document for Pell Grant applicants."

Asking people to share personal financial information requires tact. "You have to be sensitive to their concerns about revealing income information," Roberts says. "A lot of times parents don't even want their dependent children to know about their salaries. Everything is confidential."

Roberts also verifies aid and course load information required on Social Services forms for people who are on public assistance.

A difficult part of her job is informing students that all available funds have been awarded. "We try to serve everyone that applies by the April 1 deadline," she says. There is emphasis on informing students about deadlines and any change in federal guidelines so they maximize their chances of receiving assistance.

Mostly, though, Roberts enjoys her contacts with students. "Talking with students and parents and answering questions is the most rewarding part of my job. Students come in with a lot of questions about filling out forms. I tell them, 'It is not as difficult as it may seem.' By the time I go through everything with them, they relax and are more comfortable. They want to be assured that everything has been completed correctly and the form will go through the system."

While working here, Roberts has completed a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and currently is enrolled in the master's degree program in CJ/PS. She counts singing in the Zion Baptist Church choir among her favorite off-duty activities.





STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

John Plachta

Programmer/
Analyst,
Computer
Services

February 1994

As a high school student, John Plachta found computer games intriguing. Eventually that early addiction led to a degree and then a career in computer information systems.

"I found it interesting to figure out how things worked and how I could create something using a computer," he says. "I decided to try pursuing this interest in college, and it has worked out pretty well."

A native of Standish, Plachta wanted to attend a nearby college rather than leaving home to attend a large school. He picked SVSU over Northwood because the new buildings (Brown, Zahnow and the Science Building) were nearing completion when he enrolled in 1986.

Plachta worked in SVSU's Computer Services department as a part-time student employee, and was hired full time in October of 1989. He holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from SVSU.

Among the full-time programmer/analysts providing support to administrative units, Plachta works with Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, the Admissions Office, and Institutional Research. He helps staff in those areas learn how to use the "Query" language

to create reports or extract information they need from the data on the central MIS. If needs are more complex, Plachta will create a program to produce and organize the needed information.

When SVSU shifted to the new management information system two years ago, Plachta wrote programs that converted some of the student data from the old system to the new. "There were about 14,000 student records to convert," he notes.

Shifting to the new MIS entailed learning a new computer language, Information/BASIC, which Plachta describes as "an enhanced version of BASIC for the PC." SVSU's previous system used COBOL.

More recently, Plachta has rearranged the award letters sent to notify students of their financial aid allocations. "I also work a lot with the Pell Grant area," he says, "making sure all amounts balance."

Plachta notes that the new system did not contain a module specifically designed for Institutional Research. "I was able to develop programs for that, and I've also written four programs to provide information for the cost study the office is required to do."

Plachta says he enjoys working with different departments. "Sometimes I have work going with all three at once. I like the diversity of that. I especially enjoyed working with the cost study and learned a lot from that."

At home, Plachta still plays an occasional game on his PC, but is more likely to use its capabilities to catalog his collection of CDs and sheet music. He plays the guitar "just for fun" and also likes racquetball and golf — "although golf can be frustrating."

And he's looking forward to May 28, when he will wed Michelle Rexius. The pair met on campus, where Rexius is completing the final few courses for a bachelor's degree.

