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MINUTES
BOARD OF CONTROL
Regular Formal Session
February 13, 2006
Board of Control Room, Third Floor Wickes Hall

Present: Abbs
         Gamez
         Gilbertson
         Karu
         Law
         Sedrowski
         Wilson
         Yantz

Absent: Braun

Others Present: D. Bachand
                L. Beuthin
                J. Blecke
                J. Boehm
                J. Chasnis
                N. Colwell
                C. Gilbreath
                J. Gushow
                E. Hammerbacher
                S. Hocquard
                K. Kalmar
                R. Lange
                H. Leaver
                D. Lively
                N. Mathur
                R. Maurovich
                B. Mudd
                J. Muladore
                J. Poppe
                C. Ramet
                N. Rice
                J. Stanley
                D. Taylor
                R. Thompson
                M. Thorns
                R. Yien
                Press (2)
I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Yantz called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 16, 2005 Regular Formal Session

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 16, 2005 Regular Formal meeting be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Professor Marcia Shannon, President of the Faculty Association, was unable to attend the meeting, but asked that the attached message be distributed to the Board. (See Appendix One: Shannon.)

D. Communications and Requests to Appear before the Board

Several faculty members who were granted tenure at the December 16, 2005 Board of Control meeting were introduced to the Board.

Jan Poppe, Staff Member of the Month for January, and James Chasnis and Daniel Taylor, Staff Members of the Month for February, were presented to the Board. (See Appendix Two: Poppe, and Appendix Three: Chasnis and Taylor.)

III. ACTION ITEMS
1. Resolution to Set Compensation for Donald J. Bachand, Incoming Vice President for Academic Affairs

RES-1682 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Board of Control retains the authority to establish compensation levels for the University’s President and Vice Presidents; and
WHEREAS, Donald J. Bachand has been appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2006;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Vice President Bachand’s base salary for the 2006 calendar year be set at $155,000.

President Gilbertson told the Board that Dr. Bachand had been selected after a lengthy and exhaustive national and international search. He noted that Dr. Bachand was the most qualified applicant and that he had already committed a large share of his career to SVSU.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Approve an Amended Campus Dining Services Agreement

RES-1683 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, ARAMARK Educational Services, Inc. provides dining services to the SVSU campus; and
WHEREAS, The University in partnership with ARAMARK recently completed a major addition to and renovation of existing dining facilities; and
WHEREAS, ARAMARK desires to make a financial commitment in the amount of $250,000 to the University to assist with facility renovations costs, and the University in recognition of the commitment intends to extend the term of the existing agreement by three years to September 23, 2015;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the President and/or the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs be hereby authorized to enter into an amended agreement with ARAMARK which accepts the above indicated financial commitment and extended contract period.

James Muladore, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs, told the Board that
two major projects had recently been completed in the campus dining operations, with the addition of Einstein's Food Court and the renovation of Doan Center. ARAMARK Educational Services, Inc., which provides dining services to the campus, is contributing $250,000 toward the cost of those projects.

Resolution 1683 would extend the University's contract with ARAMARK by three years to September 23, 2015.

President Gilbertson noted that SVSU has had a very constructive long-term relationship with ARAMARK, and has been very pleased with both their services and staff.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Acknowledge and Accept Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee Policies and Procedures

RES-1684  It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Article IV and Article IX of the Michigan Constitution place authority in the Michigan Legislature to appropriate and disburse funds from the state treasury; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution establishes the state public universities and grants to those governing boards certain autonomous powers, specifically the general supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature has established the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee (JCOS) and made it responsible for the review of certain construction projects that occur on public university campuses; and

WHEREAS, The JCOS makes recommendations to the full Legislature with respect to state funding for some, or a portion of, said aforementioned projects; and

WHEREAS, The JCOS has a legitimate interest in being certain that all who appear before the JCOS be aware of the policies and procedures employed by the JCOS; and

WHEREAS, The JCOS has officially transmitted on November 1, 2005 policies and procedures for projects in excess of $1,000,000 to the respective boards of the public universities with the request that the boards adopt a resolution pertaining thereto;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) acknowledges to the JCOS that it has received and reviewed the policies and procedures and accepts that these are the policies and procedures being followed by the JCOS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board affirms that the University's administration has processes in place that ensure staff awareness of the JCOS's policies and procedures.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That adoption of this Board resolution does not otherwise waive, diminish or infringe on any powers or protections afforded the Board of Control of SVSU by the Michigan Constitution.

President Gilbertson told the Board that it is the policy of the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee (JCOS) that all projects on public university campuses in excess of $1,000,000 be brought to them on a Use and Finance Statement. SVSU has been complying with this procedure, but some of the other campuses have not been so diligent. The JCOS has asked that the Boards of the public universities acknowledge that they have received and reviewed the policies and procedures and that they accept and will follow them.

Resolution 1684 would demonstrate that SVSU intends to continue to abide by this practice, as it has in the past.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Natural Gas Purchase Agreements

RES-1685 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, SVSU currently has a natural gas supply agreement with the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The University is issuing Requests for Proposals to natural gas suppliers with the objective of acquiring this commodity at favorable market rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the President and/or Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs be authorized to enter into natural gas purchase
contracts for the period beginning February 1, 2006 and ending with expiration dates no later than December 31, 2009.

Mr. Muladore noted that this resolution would provide the University the flexibility to take advantage of hopefully declining prices in the market, which have dropped somewhat since last fall. Natural gas prices are approximately 40% higher than a year ago, but are less than they were two months ago, presenting a potential for significant savings.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS


Dr. Carlos Ramet, Executive Assistant to the President, presented a progress report on Continuing Excellence 2004-2008.


President Gilbertson reviewed the attached Employment & Compensation Service Report. (See Appendix Four: Employment.) The report primarily consists of administrative/professional hires, as faculty hiring takes place on an academic year basis.

V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

Emily Hammerbacher, President of the Student Association (SA), reported that the Association had held a Valentine’s Day event at the Temple Theatre Ballroom in Saginaw, which was a great success. They are looking forward to the Relay for Life on April 7th and to SA elections, which will take place at the end of March.
President Gilbertson updated the Board on Governor Granholm's budget recommendations and how they relate to the University's budget process.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

7. Motion to Move to Informal Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining

BM-1036 It was moved and supported that the Board move to Informal Session to discuss collective bargaining.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The Board moved to Informal Session at 2:32 p.m. and reconvened in Formal Session at 3:24 p.m.

Dr. Janalou Blecke, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, gave a presentation on "SVSU’s Vision for a Regional Health Science Center."

President Gilbertson invited the Board to attend the Senate Higher Education Subcommittee Hearings here on campus on the morning of March 13th. This will be followed by a luncheon with the Legislators and the 1:30 Regular Formal Session of the Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

8. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1037 It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.
Respectfully submitted:

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Jerome L. Yantz
Chair

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K.P. Karunakaran
Secretary

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J. A. Stanley
Recording Secretary
Secretary to the Board of Control
Dear Board of Control members,

I am a bit under the weather today, and don’t wish to pass it on to anyone, so am missing today’s meeting. I also have long days on Tuesday and Wednesday and want to make sure I am healthy for the students. I’m sure you will appreciate this.

First off, I wish to congratulate my peers that are in attendance because they have received promotion and/or tenure. They have worked hard for this. Not only are they expert teachers, but they have demonstrated a commitment to scholarly activities and community service. SVSU is lucky to have them.

Today I wanted to highlight some of the positive things in which faculty are involved. I know the Board members have received all 3 issues of the service learning newsletter, but let me highlight a few of the things happening. What I would emphasize is the learning aspect of the projects, especially since the service itself gets so much attention people forget that the purpose is to help students learn in terms of seeing aspects of society they don’t normally see, being able to identify with persons who respond to community needs, and in some cases consider the issues that are raised by the needs.

Nursing is a the prime example of regularly incorporating service into the learning process. Nursing is committed to enabling students to deal with persons, so the various projects, like health screening in the soup kitchen, the various projects in the Cathedral District and all the health screening/fairs done in conjunction with community agencies, get students to experience in a class situation the various kinds of persons they will encounter in their professional life. Reflection is an important aspect of service learning, and that’s built into the projects to help students internalize learning from their service experiences.

There are several projects developing in relation to urban high schools. Curtis Grosse in math has a project in Buena Vista schools, I think primarily high school, which has minority students from SVSU tutoring in the school. This presents the BV students with role models as well as specific assistance. Faculty in English have taken students from several literature classes to Saginaw High literature classes to share discussions of works they are studying, which helps students see the literature through different eyes and encourages them, as well as the high school students, to take literature more seriously because it embodies real life issues.

Helen Raica Klotz and Mike Mosher are working with art students, Writing Center tutors, and students in classes at Saginaw High to create a mural which will go in the writing center and also at the high school. One goal of all these high school projects is to encourage the high school students to consider college and to see their work as having value to others outside their community.

Phyllis Hastings continues to teach regularly at the prison and invite on-campus students to get involved in that. This semester she is working with African literature, and 6 students from SVSU have signed up to participate in a dramatic reading program at the prison of works from the course. I also have the students at both sites share initial reflections about the works. This helps
SVSU students consider the variety of persons we have in our prisons, counteracting the stereotypes we see on tv.

SVSU faculty are also working as part of the planning team in Saginaw for the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative, a major statewide program to increase public safety by enabling inmates to successfully reenter society after being paroled or completing their sentence. David Gamez of our Board is one of the co-chairs.

SVSU faculty make a difference on our campus and our larger community. I am very proud to be part of such a great group of people.

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Appendix Two: Poppe

Jan Poppe
Assistant to the Vice President for Public Affairs • January 2006

The start of a new year is a time to take a new perspective or try a fresh approach. For Jan Poppe, her year and a half at SVSU has been about acclimating to something new, something different.

"I'm a relative newcomer to Michigan, having been here just 13 years," she said, "and I'm a real newcomer to higher education. This is my first dive into this line of work."

Like any new job, Poppe's work in the Office of University Communications has had its highs and lows.

"It's been a fun and challenging experience," she said.

Poppe used her introduction into higher education as an opportunity to learn.

"By default, my advantage to being new was that I was just a sponge to hear and learn everything everybody had to say," she said.

"I heard a lot of recurring themes - how the University is people-centered and student-centered, and how many students comment on the difference faculty have made in their education."

Poppe was also struck by the level of activity on campus.

"The breadth and depth of the amount of activities and programs amazed me," she said. "There's something going on every day."

Prior to joining SVSU, Poppe worked for 25 years in the hospitality and tourism industries and has been able to draw upon that background.

"In some ways, marketing is marketing," she said. "Whether you have a message that's about selling widgets or hotel rooms, or to some degree 'selling' the opportunity of a college experience or degree, there are common denominators in marketing that cross all lines."

That said, a university is a complex organization and cannot employ a one-size-fits-all approach to communication, according to Poppe.

"The audiences are real and distinct," she said. "There is a difference between prospective students and admitted students, not to mention donors, the general public, and alumni."

When Poppe is away from the office, she often can be found far from home.

"I love travel. I could travel 50 weeks a year," she said.

Poppe and her husband, Greg, have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and in Europe.

"We're hikers and bikers," she said. "We like the outdoors with natural scenery."

"Often, Poppe's trips take her to warmer climes."

"I'm not a winter person," she said.

Not surprisingly, one of Poppe's preferred leisure activities coincides with the onset of spring.

"Flower gardening is still fun for me," she said. "We do a lot of planting on our (Midland) property."

Poppe also plays on a volleyball team and admits to finding some special satisfaction when blocking a player half her age. In the office, she appreciates the cooperative spirit of her coworkers.

"The University Communications team - and I emphasize team - is selfless," she said. "Everyone is concerned with turning out the best product."

A few of those products were recently judged to be award-winning, and according to Poppe, there is ample opportunity to build upon those successes.

"This is a very exciting time to be at SVSU."
Jim Chasnis & Dan Taylor

Maintenance • February 2006

Jim Chasnis and Dan Taylor are the kind of guys who would rather spend their day repairing a heating unit than talking about themselves. They do their jobs behind the scenes and like it that way.

“I enjoy my job,” Taylor said. “I come here to do a good job for the people I work for.”

Chasnis says the two enjoy working together.

“I’m very fortunate because I got stuck working with Dan,” he quipped. “We try to have fun and get our work done.”

That camaraderie pays dividends.

“We use the buddy system,” Chasnis said. “When I need help, he helps me, and when he needs help, I help him.”

Both have had long careers at SVSU. For Taylor, it will be 22 years this September, while Chasnis is in his 17th year on the job.

Taylor takes care of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning for five buildings: Brown Hall, Doan Science East and Science West, Pioneer Hall and Zahnow Library.

He and Chasnis have worked together more closely over the past two years since maintenance staff were placed into “zones” and assigned specific buildings. That has been a change for the better, according to Chasnis.

“It’s a much better system,” he said. “It’s like your house; when it’s yours, you take care of it a little better.”

Both are quick to credit the cooperation they receive from coworkers.

“A lot of our success is due to the people around us,” Chasnis said. “We talk to our custodians every day, and they tell us what’s broken, so we can get started before paperwork is even generated.”

“Plugged toilets are the first thing we want to get to right off the bat. We want to get them fixed before the students come in, because otherwise you’ve got to shut down a bathroom.”

Taylor added that they appreciate the support of their supervisors.

“If our bosses didn’t give us the freedom to work with the people in our areas, there’s no way we could do the job we’re doing,” he said.

When making HVAC repairs, Taylor sometimes receives support from people he cannot see.

“I’ve got control people who take care of the front end; there are some things I can’t control in the building,” he explained.

Chasnis never loses sight of why their work is important.

“If the kids weren’t here, we wouldn’t have a job,” he said.

Chasnis has personal connections with two students, in particular. His son, Jacob, and daughter, Jessica, are both attending SVSU. He sees Jessica on campus at least once a week.

“Usually if I get a call that she’s looking for me, it means she wants money,” Chasnis said with a laugh.

There is no shortage of tasks for Chasnis and Taylor to complete each day.

“I’m busy all the time,” Taylor said.

“Whatever breaks at home, it breaks here,” echoed Chasnis.

Just like at home, the pair are happy to be part of a family: the Campus Facilities staff.

“T’ll like the people working here,” Taylor said. “It takes all of us to get the job done.”
Current Positions Filled
May 2005 – January 2006
ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL

Kyle Barber – Hired as University Police Officer (replacement). Mr. Barber earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Delta College in 2003. He also attended Northeastern Police Academy in 2003. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Barber worked as a Certified Police Officer for Tittabawassee Township Police Department.

Andrew Chant - Hired as AIS Programmer/Analyst (replacement). Mr. Chant earned a Bachelor of Science from SVSU in 2003. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Chant worked as a Contractor/Security Administrator for Kelly Technical Services.

Pamela Clifford – Hired as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations (new). Ms. Clifford earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from SVSU in 1992. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Clifford worked as a Director, Education & Workforce Development for Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Gerald Dennis – Hired as Technical Director (new). Prior to this position, Mr. Dennis worked in the SVSU Theatre department on a part-time temporary basis.

Jonathan Hughes – Hired as Network Services, Customer Support Specialist (new). Mr. Hughes earned a Bachelor of Arts from Luther College, Iowa in 1997. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Hughes worked as a Network Activities Coordinator for Adelphia Communications, Pennsylvania.

Brandon Johnson – Hired as Assistant Football Coach (replacement). Mr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University in 2003. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Johnson worked as Wide Receiver Coach/Academic Advisor for Saint Joseph’s College, Indiana.

James Johnson – Hired as Director, Center for Politics and Public Service (new). Mr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University. He also earned his Juris Doctorate in General Law and Litigation at The Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Prior to this position Mr. Johnson was an Adjunct Faculty at SVSU.

Latoya Lewis - Hired as Assistant Registrar (replacement). Ms. Lewis earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from SVSU in 2005. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Lewis worked as a Teller for TCF Bank.

Robert Long – Hired as Online Teaching & Learning Support Specialist (replacement). Mr. Long earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 2003 and a Secondary Education Certification in 2005 from SVSU. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Long worked as a Salesperson for Kohl’s Department Store.
Appendix Four: Employment

Sue May – Hired as Quality/Curriculum Specialist (replacement). Ms. May earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1972 and a Masters of Arts in Elementary Education in 1980 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. May worked as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services for Brandon School District, Ortonville, Michigan.

Melissa Miller – Hired as Assistant Track and Cross Country Coach (new). Ms. Miller earned a Bachelor of Science, Psychology and Exercise Science from Central Michigan University in 2005. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Miller worked as the Operations Assistant, Fitness and Recreation Center for Delta College.

Trent Milligan – Hired as Student Technology Skills Specialist (new). Mr. Milligan earned a Bachelor of Arts from SVSU in 2005. Prior to this position Mr. Milligan worked as an Instructional Technology Specialist Student at SVSU.

Averill Packard – Hired as Reference Librarian (replacement). Ms. Packard earned a Bachelor of Science in 1970 and a Master of Arts in 1975 from Central Michigan University. She also earned a Master of Library Science from Wayne State University in 1996. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Packard worked as a Librarian for Gerrish-Higgins School District, Roscommon.

Michael Pazdro – Hired as Project Manager (new). Mr. Pazdro earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture from the University of Detroit Mercy, School of Architecture in 1993. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Pazdro worked as Project Manager for Wigen Tincknell Meyer & Associates.

Monica Reyes - Hired as Director, Office of Continuing Education (new). Ms. Reyes earned a Bachelor’s Degree in 1988 and also a Master of Business Administration in 1993 from SVSU. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Reyes worked as a Loan Officer for Encore Mortgage Enterprises.

Robert Schooks – Hired as Director, Center for Manufacturing Improvement (replacement). Mr. Schooks earned a Bachelor of Engineering from Detroit Institute of Technology. He also earned a Master of Science from Kennedy -Western University. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Schooks was Vice President of Manufacturing Operations for J.F. Hubert Enterprises Inc., Troy.

Amy Shurlow – Hired as Resident Director (replacement). Ms. Shurlow earned a Bachelor of Science from Central Michigan University in 2004. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Shurlow worked as a Youth Care Worker for Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan- Lutheran Home.
Krista St. Aubin – Hired as Assistant Director of Admissions, (replacement). Ms. St. Aubin earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication and Fitness/Sports Management from SVSU. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. St. Aubin worked as a Personal Fitness Trainer for Oakland Athletic Club, Birmingham.

Courtney Traver – Hired as Assistant to the Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs (new). Ms. Traver earned a Bachelor of Science in Business and Management from the University of Maryland University College in 1998. She also earned a Master of Business Administration from Central Michigan University in 2002. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Traver worked as a Budget Analyst for Central Michigan University.

Charles Wallace – Hired as Manager of Maintenance Operations (replacement). Mr. Wallace earned an Associate’s Degree from Lansing Community College in 1978. Prior to joining SVSU, Mr. Wallace worked as Supervisor of Property Services for Meijer Inc.

Kristen Willert – Hired as Event Specialist (new). Ms. Willert earned a Bachelor in Business Administration in 2000 and a Masters in Educational Leadership in 2002 from SVSU. Prior to joining SVSU, Ms. Willert worked as Director for Gladwin Community Arena. Ms. Willert previously worked as Conference Services Manager at SVSU.

Susan Wood – Hired as Mentoring and Induction Coordinator (replacement). Ms. Wood earned a Bachelor’ Degree and a Masters in Education from Wayne State University. Prior to this position, Ms. Wood worked as an Adjunct Faculty at SVSU.