



SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

***BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES
REGULAR FORMAL SESSION***

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Minutes of the Regular Formal Session
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A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held at Saginaw Valley State University on Monday, February 19, 2018 in Wickes Hall, Room 350 at 1:30 p.m.

Trustees present included:

Luis Canales
Scott Carmona
JoAnn Crary
Dennis Durco, Secretary
Bhushan Kulkarni
John Kunitzer, Vice Chair
Vicki Rupp, Treasurer
Jenee Velasquez, Chair
Donald Bachand, Ex Officio

Trustees absent included: ---

President's Staff present included:

Andrew Bethune, Executive Director of the SVSU Foundation
Dr. Sidney Childs, Associate Provost for Student Affairs
Ellen Crane, Director of Human Resources
John Decker, Assoc. Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs and General Counsel
Dr. Craig Douglas, Dean of the College of Education
Dr. Deborah Huntley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. John Kaczynski, Director of Governmental Affairs
Mary Kowaleski, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Control
James Muladore, Executive Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs
Dr. Judith Ruland, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services
Linda Sims, Executive Director of Communications & External Affairs
Dr. Mamie Thorns, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs

Others present included:

Deborah Bishop	J.J. Boehm	Dan Covieo
Brady Crandall	Trisha Heintskill	David Lewis
Jenna Lind	Ted Lind	James Maher
Joshua Ode	Jennifer Pahl	Ron Portwine
Press	Julie Reinbold	Jacob Reinelt
Joe Wojtkiewicz		

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Velasquez called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Chair Velasquez formally welcomed Saginaw Valley State University's newest Board member, Bhushan Kulkarni, to his first Board meeting. She noted that Mr. Kulkarni was recently appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Patrick McInnis. She noted that Mr. Kulkarni will serve the remainder of an eight-year term which expires July 21, 2023.

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda and Additions to and Deletions from Agenda

There were no additions to or deletions to the agenda.

The agenda was APPROVED as distributed.

B. Approval of the December 15, 2017 Minutes for the Regular Formal Session of the Board of Control

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 15, 2017 Regular Formal Session be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

On behalf of the faculty at SVSU, Professor Deborah Bishop, President of the Faculty Association, welcomed Bhushan Kulkarni to the SVSU Board of Control.

Professor Bishop commented on the resolution before the Board to grant tenure to 15 SVSU faculty members. She noted that "these women and men will take their place among the tenured faculty at SVSU, and become an integral part of academic life at this institution."

Professor Bishop stated, "the granting of tenure recognizes the professional autonomy of the faculty member, as a contributing member of their profession, and provides a foundation for professional integrity."

D. Recognition of the Student Association

Lauren Kreiss, President of the Student Association, commented that the Student Association hosted their 3rd Annual Cardinal Ball on February 17. She noted that this year's event was well attended and successful.

E. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

- Chair Velasquez noted that Mr. Robert Cottrell withdrew his public request to appear before the Board.
- Brady Crandall, ITS Developer, was introduced to the Board as Staff Member of the Month for December. (Appendix One: December)
- Ted Lind, Associate Director of Admissions, was introduced to the Board as Staff Member of the Month for January. (Appendix Two: January)
- Julie Reinbold, ITS Senior Programmer/Analyst, and Trisha Heintskill, Assistant Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, was introduced to the Board as Staff Members of the Month for February (Appendix Three: February)

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution to Appoint a Nominating Committee for May Board Elections

RES-2262 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control bylaws stipulate that the Board shall appoint a nominating committee to recommend candidates for each office; pursuant to Article II, 2.101;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Scott Carmona, JoAnn Crary, Dennis Durco and John Kunitzer be appointed to serve as the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control nominating committee to select a slate of officers to serve from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Approve Appointment for Joseph Biskner to the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Fellows

RES-2263 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Fellows shall consist of a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 40 members who shall serve for four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Biskner has been recommended for appointment to the Board of Fellows in place of Bill Allen, who is unable to finish his term. Mr. Biskner will serve the remainder of a four-year term expiring December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biskner's current community and university involvement distinguish him as an excellent candidate for appointment to the Board of Fellows;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointed individual serve on the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Fellows as stipulated in the organization's bylaws.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve Faculty Tenure Effective July 1, 2018

RES-2264 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, 2018.

Prashanth Anekal	Assistant Professor of Management
Meghan Baruth	Assistant Professor of Health Sciences
William Calvin Borden	Assistant Professor of Biology
Brittany Collins	Assistant Professor of Communication
Veronika Drake	Assistant Professor of English
Rosina Hassoun	Assistant Professor of Sociology
Amy Hendrickson	Assistant Professor of Law
Julie Keil	Assistant Professor of Political Science
Natalia Knoblock	Assistant Professor of English
Scott Kowalewski	Assistant Professor of Rhetoric & Professional Writing
Elizabeth Pierce	Assistant Professor of Accounting
Kandaker Abir Rahman	Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Conor Shaw-Draves	Assistant Professor of English

Isaac Stephens

Assistant Professor of History

Adam Warhausen

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Provost Huntley noted that the individuals being recommended for tenure have all been through the process of multiple evaluations by peers, as well as evaluations by the deans and an evaluation by the Professional Practices Committee.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Capital Projects

RES-2265 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, The Business, Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee has discussed various capital projects and the Capital Projects Funding Plan; and,

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

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

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| 1) Resurfacing of Parking Lot D and Miscellaneous Parking | \$575,000 |
| 2) Renovation of Curtiss Hall 3rd Floor and Other Related Projects, College of Business & Management | \$2,900,000 |

James Muladore, Executive Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs, commented that the proposed funding for the resurfacing of Parking Lot D, immediately east of Zahnow Library, and miscellaneous other parking improvements would take place during the upcoming summer months.

Mr. Muladore explained that the proposed \$2.9 million construction projects are a component of the forthcoming building expansion and improvements for SVSU's College of Business and Management. He stated that the renovation cost for 3rd floor Curtiss Hall is included in the overall \$25 million project to construct a 38,500-square-foot building addition for the College of Business and Management. Mr. Muladore commented that SVSU received construction authorization and a commitment of \$9.8 million by the State of Michigan that was signed into law in December 2017. He noted that work is expected to begin later this year on the new building addition.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Bachand made no formal remarks.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Motion to Move to Informal Session to Discuss Various Legal Compliance Matters

BM-1201 **It was moved and supported that the Board move to Informal Session to Discuss Various Legal Compliance Matters**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The Board moved to Informal Session at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Formal Session at 3:05 p.m. with Board members Canales, Carmona, Crary, Durco, Kulkarni, Kunitzer, Rupp and Velasquez. Also in attendance: President Bachand, Provost Huntley, James Muladore, John Decker, Mamie Thorns and Mary Kowaleski.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

6. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1202 **It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**


The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.


Respectfully submitted:



Jennie Velasquez, Chair



Dennis Durco, Secretary



Mary Kowaleski
Recording Secretary

Brady Crandall

Web Developer • December Staff Member of the Month

Brady Crandall is hard at work, allowing himself little time for interruption. "I haven't even been to the new Panda Express yet," he said of the recently-opened restaurant within walking distance of the Information Technology Services web developer's office tucked away inside SVSU's south campus complex. He is part of a team dedicated to developing and expanding the university's web presence. It's a hefty task considering that website content is constantly evolving to meet the changing demands of technology and society. "There's a lot of work to be done," he said.

Crandall said he "sort of fell into" his career. In high school, he realized his penchant for technology, and built a desktop computer for gaming purposes "just for the fun of it." After graduating from Frankenmuth High School in 2010, he enrolled at SVSU unsure of what degree to pursue. "I knew I wanted to work with and help people," he said.

In 2012, he began working as a student employee in the Information Technology Support Center, where he largely helped with computer hardware issues. At about this time, he decided to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science. "My undergraduate experience was a blast," Crandall said. "I met a lot of great people."

The small, friendly environment at SVSU suited Crandall, and when he was offered a full-time job with Information Technology Services a few months before he graduated in 2016, he accepted gladly. While his job involves working in web environments, the ever-changing functionality of the Internet and evolving demands of its consumers means Crandall must keep up-to-speed with his

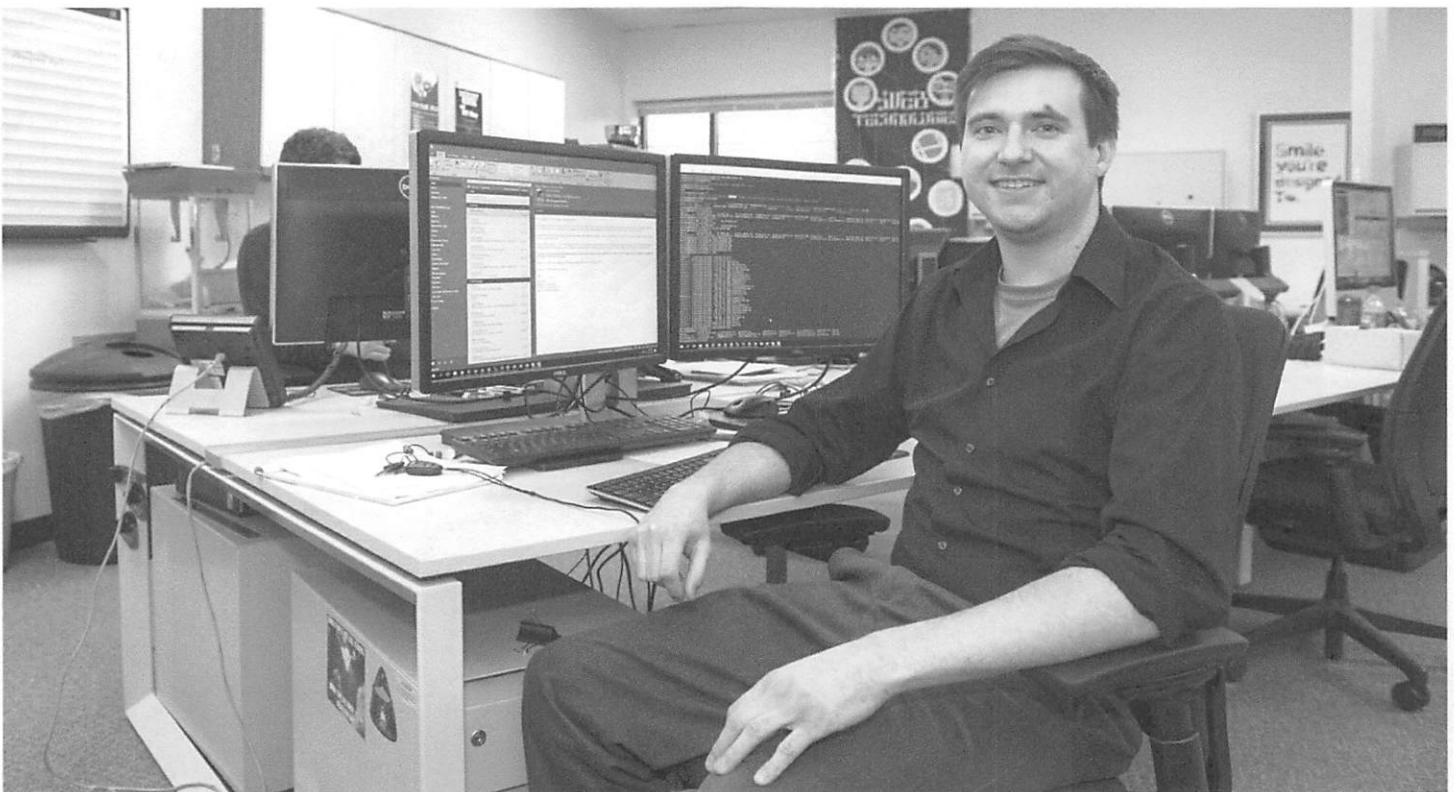
industry's necessary skill sets. And the hodge podge of academic practices at the university means he must use that skill set to develop applications that appeal to users with different interests and understandings. "I get to tackle a variety of issues," he said. "I work with interesting people, helping them with their web needs."

Sometimes, his job responsibilities are meant more for universal purposes. Among Crandall's most substantial recent projects was his work in developing a program that allows designated SVSU users to send mass emails across campus. The email blast system replaced an older, less-functional program.

The job involved entering names and emails, then separating those emails into categories that allow users to send messages to specific groups on campus. For instance, users can send emails to all students in general, or break down that category further by emailing registered students or admitted students. The web program also allows users to email faculty, staff, administrators as well as smaller subset groups for each.

"Creating the mail list was a real challenge," Crandall said. "We wanted to create something that would stand on its own. It was a lot of work."

Crandall also was heavily involved in developing a calculation program on the website that allows prospective students to calculate their total costs — including tuition and fees — before enrolling in classes. He collaborates with faculty, staff and students largely on the phone or email from his shared office space in the south campus complex, an especially distant walk from the campus Panda Express during the winter months.



Ted Lind

Associate Director of Admissions • January Staff Member of the Month

As the point person for events that welcome prospective students to SVSU's campus, Ted Lind has a lot of responsibility and details to coordinate. Fortunately, the associate director of Admissions is already accustomed to shouldering responsibility.

A former U.S. Army captain with time spent in Afghanistan during wartime, the Bay City native returned stateside in 2012, eager to find a new outlet for the leadership skills he utilized in the military. After spending time as an academic adviser in higher education, Lind joined SVSU's Admissions staff in hopes that he could mentor students seeking college degrees.

"I enjoy being able to connect with students and help them make decisions about what they're going to do next," said Lind, who is married to fellow Army veteran Jenna Briggs, SVSU's senior director of Advanced Studies & International Student Services.

Lind makes many of those connections during the prospective student events he helps organize on campus — Cardinal College Days and the Admissions Fall Open House, among others — as well as when he visits high schools in his designated region within Gratiot, Midland and Saginaw counties.

"We have a goal to get as many people on campus as we can," he said. "Once students get here, they see we have a beautiful campus and a lot of times they will tell their friends too. That's always very helpful."

Lind's effort to make students feel welcome extends to those with intellectual disabilities. Partnering with the national group Think College, Lind spearheaded the creation of Think Cardinal, both of which aim to offer more options in higher education for the disadvantaged. As a result, today four students with Down Syndrome are taking classes and involved in extracurricular activities on campus.

"It's a testament to the campus culture that those students have been embraced in the way that they have been embraced," he said. "They definitely have a place here at SVSU."

Lind also is involved in organizing campus activities that involve the surrounding community. He is one of the organizers of the annual 9/11 Heroes Run that has attracted runners and walkers to SVSU each September for the past five years. The event pays tribute to the military and first responders. Proceeds from the registration fees benefit the Travis Manion Foundation, a nonprofit that supports military families and leadership programs.

"It can be easy to forget that we still have service members who are deployed in hostile areas," he said.

"Events like the 9/11 Heroes Run are good because they remind people to say 'Thank you' for things we take for granted."



Trisha Heintskill • Julie Reinbold

February Staff Members of the Month

Trisha Heintskill and Julie Reinbold do not work in the same office on campus — or the same building, for that matter — but their job responsibilities cause the kind of workplace overlap that leads them to text each other on the weekends.

It's getting to the point where they sometimes can finish each other's sentences.

"I may not know how Julie is doing something, but I can understand it in layman's terms and I can....," Heintskill starts to say. "... And you can understand it quickly," Reinbold says.

The two consider each other friends, which makes teaming up so easy, both say. Their synergy is at least part of the reason why Heintskill, the associate director of scholarships and financial aid, and Reinbold, a senior programmer and analyst for Information Technology Services, were named co-Staff Members of the Month. Their workplace collaborations date back to the early 2000s, when both began inching SVSU's student financial aid services toward the future.

The first big leap forward came in 2002, when the duo helped oversee the transition from processing student financial aid records manually on paper to processing them electronically. Another milestone happened less than a decade ago, when SVSU stopped sending financial aid award letters through the U.S. Postal Service and instead delivered the news via email.

"We used to have 13 student employees folding letters, all the

time," Heintskill says of her office, where three student employees these days help with other tasks.

Their most recent collaboration occurred earlier this academic year, when Reinbold and Heintskill helped design a new award letter notification that shows recently-admitted students their scholarships and financial aid package. The printed notice is personalized and tailored to each student's circumstances, and offers them options and information.

"It gives students the whole financial picture," Heintskill says.

As the digital age continues to transform how higher education institutions operate, Heintskill and Reinbold continue to work in concert to better equip students with the most modern service. Sometimes a project comes from an idea from Heintskill relating to financial aid offerings. Other times, Reinbold's discovery of a new computer program serves as the origin of a financial information-related project.

"In information technology, you have to be looking at how things are going to change," Reinbold says. "You can't blink. As soon as you pat yourself on the back for doing something well, there's a new way to do it."

Heintskill echoes the sentiment: "I get bored very easily so I enjoy looking at new ways to do things. When that happens, I know who to call, and I know her number by heart."

