



SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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

DECEMBER 15, 2023

**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF CONTROL
Minutes of the Regular Formal Session
Friday, December 15, 2023
1:30 p.m.**

A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held on Friday, December 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Wickes Hall, Room 350.

Trustees present:

John D. Cherry, Jr., Secretary
JoAnn Crary
Lindsay Eggers, Vice Chair
Vanessa Guerra, Treasurer
Raj Wiener, Chair
Carl Williams
George Grant Jr, Ex Officio

Trustees absent:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Wiener asked the board secretary to take a roll call to ensure a quorum. Secretary Kowaleski conducted a roll call of the trustees and noted that a quorum was met.

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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

There were no additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

The agenda was unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

B. Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Formal Session on October 23, 2023.

It was moved and supported that the minutes of the October 23, 2023, Regular Formal Session be approved.

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

C. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Student Association

Mr. Austin Urlaub, president of the Student Association, reported on the many events that the Student Association has been involved with over the past few months. He also noted that the Student Association plans to begin a soft launch of their new logo. He stated that the Student Association was unanimously in favor of the new branding.

D. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Dr. Brandon Haskett, the president of the Faculty Association, noted that artificial intelligence (AI) is evolving quickly, and it is significantly impacting how students learn in the classroom. He stated that faculty are working hard to adapt to this new environment and what it means to advance the best interests of our students. He commented that AI brings new challenges in the classroom but also offers great opportunities to prepare students for the AI-enhanced workforce of the future.

E. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Support Staff Association

Ms. Kathleen Chantaca-Kubczak, the president of the Support Staff Association, announced that SVSU received a generous six-figure gift from the estate of a former SVSU employee. The gift is intended to benefit SVSU students who are either current or past members of the Support Staff Association, or their children or grandchildren.

She noted that Douglas Wagener, who worked at SVSU for over 20 years as a stagehand, theatre building director, and electrician, passed away in April 2022. He left an estate gift of \$650,000 to benefit the Gloria J. and Douglas E. Wagener Support Staff Association Endowed Scholarship at the university. She explained that the scholarship is named to honor the service and generosity of Douglas Wagener and his wife, Gloria, a 42-year employee of SVSU. The couple met at the university – then Saginaw Valley State College – and married in 1975.

Ms. Chantaca-Kubczak mentioned that Gloria Wagener was instrumental in the establishment of the SVSU Support Staff Association and was active in the organization throughout her SVSU career.

Lastly, Ms. Chantaca-Kubczak expressed appreciation to President Grant and his leadership team for attending a holiday breakfast for third-shift employees, which took place at 6:30 this morning. She acknowledged that it can be challenging for third shift employees to attend the traditional annual holiday gathering, and the turnout at the breakfast meant a lot to them.

F. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Police Officers Association

Mr. Ryan Persails, president of the Police Officers Association, noted that it has been busy this past semester for University Police. He expressed gratitude for the constant support they receive from the campus community.

G. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

There were none.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution to Grant Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

RES-2507 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University is granted the authority to confer undergraduate and graduate degrees as outlined in Section 5 of Public and Local Acts of Michigan 1965; and

WHEREAS, Operating Policy 3.101 Article III of the Board reserves to the Board the authority to grant degrees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University approves the awarding of the December 2023 undergraduate and graduate degrees as certified by the faculty and registrar for those students who completed degree requirements.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Grant an Honorary Degree to Karen S. Carter

RES-2508 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS, Karen S. Carter is president of Dow's Packaging & Specialty Plastics (P&SP) business operating segment, which consists of the Packaging and Specialty Plastics commercial business and Olefins, Aromatics & Alternatives (OAA) hydrocarbons business; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter is responsible for transforming P&SP in alignment with Dow's sustainability goals and targets. With annual sales of more than \$29 Billion, P&SP is widely recognized as the world's largest materials supplier of polyethylene resins and functional polymers used in a wide variety of applications for key growth markets like food packaging, supply chain packaging, health and hygiene, infrastructure, and consumer goods. Built on a solid foundation of operational discipline with versatile process technology, P&SP consistently ranks as a top-quartile performer amongst its industry peers, delivering disruptive, award-winning innovation that meets customers' expectations on performance and sustainability. P&SP's products and solutions can enable a circular economy with a lower carbon impact; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter has served in a progression of roles at Dow since beginning her career with the company in 1993, including most recently as Dow's chief human resources officer and first chief inclusion officer, where she successfully institutionalized inclusion and diversity as key drivers for long-term growth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter is on the board of directors for the Great Lakes Bay Region Boys and Girls Clubs of America. She is also on the board of directors for Southwire, a leading manufacturer of wire and cable used in the transmission and distribution of electricity, delivering power to millions worldwide. Ms. Carter was recently appointed chair of the Business Leaders Committee on the State of Michigan's Black Leadership Advisory Council. She is also a member of the Executive Leadership Council and chair of the Catalyst Board of Advisors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Howard University and a master's degree in international business from DePaul University. She has been published in the Journal of the American Health Information Management Association and featured in Chemical Week, the Huffington Post, MORE Magazine, Disrupt Yourself Podcast, and The Future of Work Podcast. In 2014, Ms. Carter was named to the prestigious Forty Women to Watch Over 40 list for her innovative leadership contributions. In 2018, she was named to Black Enterprise's Top Executives in Diversity list and received Northwood University's Distinguished Women Award. In 2019, Ms. Carter was named to Black Enterprise's Most Powerful Women in Corporate America list. In 2020, 2021, and 2022, she was

recognized as one of the 100 Ethnic Minority Executives on the EMpower Ethnic Minority Role Model Lists supported by Yahoo Finance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University approve the granting of an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Karen S. Carter to be presented at the December 16, 2023, commencement in recognition of her outstanding achievements.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve Faculty Sabbaticals for Academic Year 2024-2025

RES-2509 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University is committed to quality education and provides the faculty with opportunities to maintain and enhance their professional knowledge and expertise, and

WHEREAS, The University administration supports faculty sabbatical leave as an integral part of the SVSU Faculty Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following faculty members be granted sabbatical leaves as specified below for the academic year of 2024-2025:

Name	Department	Leave Request	Brief Title of Project
Fincher, Warren	Sociology	Winter	Analyze, Organize, Advocate: A Skills-Based Introductory Sociology Textbook
Gates, Daniel	English	Winter	Role-Playing Games in College- Level Literature Courses
Geisler, Mark	Social Work	Fall	An Oral History of the Kirkridge Gay/Bisexual Men Christian Retreat Experience
Johnson, J. Blake	Art	Winter	Designing with NASA JPL
Koperski, Jeffrey	Philosophy	Fall/Winter	Physics and Free Will
McClurkin, Grace	Mathematical Sciences	Winter	Gathering New Variants Under the Framework of Generalized Zero-Divisor Graphs
Mercier, Lucy	Social Work	Winter	Examining the Critical Shortage of Social Workers in Rural Michigan
Nichols, David	Philosophy	Fall	Greek Tragedy and Transcendence

Ravuri, Evelyn	Geography	Fall/Winter	Gentrification and Racial Transition in Small Metropolitan Areas
Schachman, Kathleen	Nursing	Winter	Improving Access to Mental Health Care Among Michigan Veterans
Vautaw, William	Mathematical Sciences	Fall	The Topology of Surfaces

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve Auxiliary FY2025 Operations Budget

RES-2510 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The FY2025 Auxiliary Operations budget, inclusive of student housing rental rates, has been reviewed by the members of the Board of Control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Auxiliary Operations operating budget and student housing rental rates for FY2025 be approved as per the attached schedules. (Appendix A: Auxiliary Operations)

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Approve Capital Projects

RES-2511 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Control have discussed various capital projects and the capital projects funding plan; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient financial resources are available from capital project reserves to fund projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes the president, the president's designee, or the interim vice president for administration and Business Affairs to enter into contracts to complete the projects referenced below:

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| 1) University Village Phase II Additional Funding | \$2,750,000 |
| 2) Great Lakes Dorms D & E | \$2,000,000 |
| 3) MJ Brandimore House Roof | \$525,000 |

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

6. Resolution to Approve Lease of Land for Cell Tower

RES-2512 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC would like to lease approximately 2,400 square feet of land, including the air space above the land, from Saginaw Valley State University and construct a cell tower on the property; and

WHEREAS, Management has reviewed the proposal and the intended use of the property in question does not conflict with any current or anticipated future uses by the university; and

WHEREAS, Management recommends proceeding with the lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes the president, the president's designee, or the interim vice president of administration and business affairs to enter into a lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were none.

V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Grant reflected on his first year at SVSU, acknowledging the pride people take in having the university in the region. He noted that rather than discussing his accomplishments, he wanted to talk about what he's seen. He stated that in the past year, he met with individuals, groups, and organizations external to SVSU who view the university as an engaged institution, and they recognize the vast contributions of SVSU personnel, who sit on boards, consult, train, advise, mentor, publish, and collaborate. He commented that they see SVSU as a destination university that brings differing viewpoints together in a respectful and collaborative manner. As a result, higher education is a key factor in retaining talent in Michigan, attracting new talent to the state and region, and SVSU is providing quality education to meet the staffing needs of the region.

President Grant stated, "Over the past several months, I had the privilege of experiencing the kindness, professionalism, and dedication of the faculty and staff at this institution. I was able to work alongside individuals who poured their heart and soul into higher education and making the student experience the best it can be. I also want to recognize the Board of Control for coming together to serve this great institution. It is an honor to work with each one of you, and I am grateful for your hard work and commitment to the success of our students, faculty, and staff. Your focus on teamwork has made our board and university strong."

President Grant stated, "I also want to acknowledge the dedication of our students to their education. Our students are excited about being a part of Saginaw Valley State University and are actively engaged in the college experience. It is a pleasure to work with such motivated individuals who take their education seriously and strive to make the campus and community stronger. They volunteer countless hours to make a positive impact, not because they are required to, but because they want to contribute to something bigger than themselves. Overall, my first year has been an incredible adventure. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and I am excited about the future. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to this institution. It is an honor to be a part of such a great team. Thank you."

Chair Wiener thanked President Grant for his steadfast leadership over the past year.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

7. Motion to Move to Informal Session to Discuss Personnel Matters

BM-1263 It was moved and supported that the Board move to an Informal Session to discuss personnel matters

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The Board moved to an Informal Session at 2:20 p.m. and convened in a Regular Formal Session at 2:55 p.m. with Board members Cherry, Crary, Eggers, Guerra, Wiener, and Williams in attendance. Also in attendance: President Grant, Mary Kowaleski and J.J. Boehm.

Trustee Cherry made a formal motion to establish compensation for the University President. Trustee Guerra supported the motion.

8. Resolution to Establish Compensation for the University President

RES-2513 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Board of Control shall arrange for the evaluation of the president in the last quarter of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The format for evaluating the president shall be consistent with the president's contract with such goals as approved by the Board for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Control has received and reviewed the president's report for 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Control met with President Grant on December 15, 2023, to review and discuss the report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the university president shall receive a base salary increase for the 2024 calendar year to be set as follows: 5%

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as outlined in President Grant's employee contract, the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University awards President Grant \$25,000 (deferred compensation) and a performance bonus in the amount of \$20,000.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

9. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1264 **It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

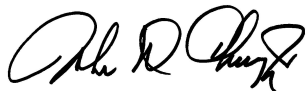
The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Rajkumari M Wiener, Chair



John D. Cherry, Jr., Secretary



Mary Kowaleski
Recording Secretary

	Dec-21 FY 2024 Budget	Oct-23 FY 2024 Projected	FY 2024 Budget vs. FY 2024 Projected	Oct-23 FY 2025 Proposed Budget	FY 2024 Projected vs. FY 2025 Proposed Budget
REVENUES					
Housing Contracts	\$18,121,000	\$19,478,000	\$1,357,000	\$20,304,000	\$826,000
Other Operating Income	8,231,000	7,761,000	(470,000)	7,914,000	153,000
Summer Income	150,000	250,000	100,000	250,000	0
Conference Center & Athletic Complex	2,616,000	2,616,000	-	2,926,000	310,000
Non-program Revenues	296,000	981,000	685,000	506,000	(475,000)
Total Revenues	29,414,000	31,086,000	1,672,000	31,900,000	814,000

EXPENDITURES					
Program	21,777,000	22,117,000	340,000	23,147,000	1,030,000
Debt Service	6,413,000	6,413,000	-	6,388,000	(25,000)
Total Expenditures	28,190,000	28,530,000	340,000	29,535,000	1,005,000
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$1,224,000	\$2,556,000	\$1,332,000	\$2,365,000	(\$191,000)

Housing Occupancy	2,028	2,266		2,220	
Average Fall/Winter Total	2.48%	2.48%		5.51%	
Average Rate Increase					

**Saginaw Valley State University
Auxiliary Services - Bonded Facilities
Housing & Meal Contract Rates**

	Approved Rates				Proposed Rates
	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
<u>First Time In College Freshmen (FTIC)</u> ¹					
Living Center - 2 or 3 Person Efficiency or Apartment Shared Bedroom					11,750
Living Center Super Single Efficiency Premium (2-Person Efficiency Rented As a Single Occupancy Unit)		\$10,646	\$10,902	\$11,150	2,000
First Year Suites and Living Center Apartment - Single Bedroom ²	\$10,438	11,606	11,892	12,170	12,750
<u>Living Centers & Apartments</u>					
Living Center - 2 or 3 Person Efficiency or Apartment Shared Bedroom	4,518	4,608	4,950	5,130	5,700
Living Center Apartment - Single Bedroom	6,100	6,222	6,400	6,560	7,030
Pine Grove & University Village 4 Bedroom/4 Person Apartment	6,436	6,564	6,710	6,870	7,180
Pine Grove & University Village 2 Bedroom/2 Person Apartment	7,340	7,560	7,740	7,900	8,100
University Village Single Efficiency	7,410	7,560	7,740	7,900	8,100
Living Center Super Single Efficiency	7,762	7,916	8,400	8,580	8,700
Composite Weighted Percentage Increase	1.87%	1.74%	2.49%	2.48%	5.51%

Note: \$150 of housing rate is allocated to fund technology/WiFi network improvements.

¹ Freshmen select from the following meal plan options included in the room & board rate

- Unlimited meals per week and \$250 per semester
- 14 meals per week and \$350 per semester
- 11 meals per week and \$450 per semester

² First Year Suites rates combined with Living Center Single Bedroom rate in 2024-25 in consideration of student demand and recent renovations.