

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS
TO THOMAS KULLGREN**

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University grants emeritus/emerita status to retiring faculty/administrators who have served the University with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Kullgren gave thirty-four years of service to SVSU, having arrived at Saginaw Valley College in 1984, to serve as Dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology for almost two decades until leaving that position in 2003 to return to teaching as a full-time Professor of Mechanical Engineering until his retirement in December 2018, and as he was dedicated to serving the university in numerous capacities, including serving as Chairperson of both the Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee and Professional Practices Committee, and faculty representative on the Energy Minor Committee, and many faculty evaluation teams; and

WHEREAS, in his career at SVSU, Dr. Kullgren played a crucial role as the original leader, mentor and advocate of the Engineering programs leading to the initial and continuous accreditations of both the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and has continued to ensure the success of engineering at SVSU; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional leadership began long before his tenure at SVSU, as evidenced by his American Wind Energy Association Leadership Award (1984) and recognition as a nationwide Top Retired Recruiter for the Air Force Academy (1994); and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a respected leader, Dr. Kullgren was an outstanding educator who was a role model to his fellow educators in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, where he regularly mentored students and directed senior design projects, even teaching regularly throughout his role as Dean, this exemplary dedication to teaching and his students was recognized in 2003 by the naming of the Kullgren Student Lounge and Library in Pioneer Hall; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kullgren has remained dedicated to his field of study by authoring fifteen technical publications, co-authoring SVSU assessment manuals for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, and serving as the Principal Investigator for the Department of Energy-Small Business Innovation Research and Education Chair for the nation's largest region of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers where, in addition to his duties as Chair, he organized the regional student conference and acted as principal speaker; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kullgren's service to the community is admirable, serving as a consultant to many local businesses, including the Dow Corning Corporation, Gougeon Brothers and General Motors – Saginaw Division; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, he has positively affected thousands of individuals, including students, industry, faculty and administration and his leadership and numerous contributions will be missed at SVSU; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Thomas Kullgren be recognized as Professor Emeritus.