RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITA STATUS
TO DIANE BOEHM, M.A.

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Boehm assumed the administrative role of Director of the University Writing Program (1995) with added additional responsibilities as Director of Instructional Support Programs (2002) and Director of the Saginaw Bay Writing Project; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure leading the Writing Center, Ms. Boehm has personally selected and mentored more than 170 student tutors and has worked with five faculty coordinators and the Writing Center has serviced more than 4,500 student sessions annually, with more than 97% of the students rating their experiences as excellent or good under Ms. Boehm’s direction; and

WHEREAS, the Writing Center has developed an online presence with a website that contains resources for students and innovative videos such as Why Writing Matters pages that present information about the importance of writing in multiple disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boehm developed, and has led, our Faculty Summer Institute for newly hired faculty helping to create a stronger sense of belonging to the university amongst our new colleagues with stellar faculty evaluations of their experiences in the institutes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boehm also assumed responsibility for coordinating and publishing our Faculty/Staff Professional Development calendar, a biannual, collaborative effort between all units on campus that offer faculty development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boehm has taught a wide range of writing courses, including First Year Writing, Honors Writing and Writing in the Professions, demonstrating to her students her passion for writing, academic integrity and excellence in teaching, and she has also worked to develop coherence between our First Year Writing Program and General Education courses and writing within the disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boehm has been a most valued member of the University staff and she has consistently demonstrated a willingness to share her considerable talents to help the University in any way possible; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boehm’s ability to bring people together to achieve common goals, her dedication to the University, and her commitment to excellence in all that she does, have earned Ms. Boehm the respect of all with whom she works; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ms. Diane Boehm be recognized as Professor Emerita.

David Abbs, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University
Approved June 18, 2013