

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITA STATUS TO  
JO BROWNLIE**

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Brownlie assumed the administrative role as Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in 2001 with additional commitments to the university since 1985 as Director of the Office of Continuing Education and Director of the Center for Corporate and Professional Development.

WHEREAS, during her 16 years as Director of Osher Lifelong Learning, Ms. Brownlie established the organization as part of the OLLI National Network – this first and largest of its kind in Michigan.

WHEREAS, OLLI is part of a national network of 120 learning institutions for individuals over 50 that has offered 2,000 classes, 300 daylong trips, and more than 35 multi-day trips both domestically and abroad, all of which have been planned and implemented in part by Ms. Brownlie in her 16 years of service to the OLLI organization.

WHEREAS, Ms. Brownlie has collaborated with 400 instructors, including SVSU faculty, to deliver more than 250 courses per year to OLLI members, 125 of which are SVSU Alumni.

WHEREAS, under Ms. Brownlie's direction, OLLI is a financial contributor to SVSU, as she secured a financial award of \$100,000 from the Bernard Osher Foundation in 2005, along with a one-million-dollar endowment from the Osher Foundation in both 2007 and 2008.

WHEREAS, Ms. Brownlie's leadership has facilitated the rapid growth of SVSU-OLLI from a few hundred members in its inaugural year (2001) to nearly 2,000 members in the current year coming from as far away as Ann Arbor to Tawas, to partake in the University's many academic and cultural offerings.

WHEREAS, Ms. Brownlie received her Master of Business Administration from SVSU in 1985 and has distinguished herself in the community as the founding President of the Saginaw Chapter of the National Association of Career Women and rose to National President, as well as leadership in the Saginaw Exchange Club and Great Lakes Bay Women.

WHEREAS, Ms. Brownlie's dedication to the development of cultural and intellectual resources for the region's people over 50, strong leadership, and kind and thoughtful mentorship has earned the respect of those with whom she works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, for her exemplary service to the SVSU community and the community at large, Ms. Jo Brownlie be recognized as Director of Osher Lifelong Learning Emerita.