



**RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS
TO BASIL CLARK, PH.D.**

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Basil Clark has given forty years of service to SVSU, having arrived at SVSU on 1 July 1975, to join the faculty in the Department of English at the rank of assistant professor, and receiving the rank of full professor (1984) and spending the following three decades dedicated to the university by serving as department chair multiple times, Acting Assistant Dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences, SVSU Faculty Association President, and faculty representative to numerous university committees, such as the Professional Practices Committee, the General Education Committee and the Faculty Association Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, he continues to distinguish himself in professional venues in medieval English literature, his scholarship combining the textual rigor of his early training with a creative openness to new developments in his field; and

WHEREAS, he has been willing to take part in public events off and on campus, including lectures in community venues such as Creative 360 in Midland, readings for Shakespeare's birthday, courses in SVSU's OLLI program, and many others; and

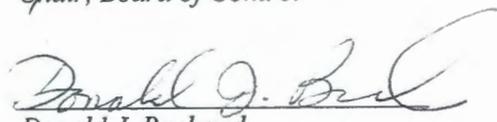
WHEREAS, he has ignited a passion for Beowulf, Chaucer, and the long tradition of Arthurian romance in countless students, sharing with them the enduring influence of medieval texts on more recent literature; and

WHEREAS, he has taught with distinction virtually every course offered by the English department, from the ENGL 499 capstone course through first-year composition, with primary emphasis upon British literature, involving generations of students in the love of literature by serving as a model of what it means to be a reader, a scholar, and a citizen, making him the first and best colleague we all turn to for guidance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark has, during a forty-year career at SVSU, shared his love of the English language with his students, offering them good academic and personal advice and displaying the patience and devotion which has made him the English department's most beloved instructor, earning him the respected House Family Award for Teacher Impact (1991); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Basil Clark be recognized as Professor Emeritus.


Jeffrey Martin
Chair, Board of Control


Donald J. Bachand
President



Approved May 8, 2015