Resolution to Grant Emeritus Status to Dr. Walter Rathkamp

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter R. Rathkamp joined the faculty at Saginaw Valley State University in 1973 and was Professor of Biology for twenty-three years, and served as the Executive Director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education for fourteen years until his retirement in September 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rathkamp is highly regarded by his colleagues and students for his high standards and dedication to teaching recognized by his being selected as an Outstanding Faculty Member of SVSC by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards; receipt of the Franc A. Landee Award for Teaching Excellence; receiving the University Service Award; and having the honor of receiving the Science Quest, Michigan Technology Council – Can Doer Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rathkamp served as the Chairperson for the Department of Biology and has been instrumental in securing $14,230,842 to support the Center for Science and Mathematics Education at Saginaw Valley State University. Dr. Rathkamp has also been actively involved in university service throughout his career. He was chairman of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee, which he was involved in developing to involve students in medical activities in the Tri-Cities areas and the program is still ongoing. He has also been and continues to be involved in state-wide committee work which includes, but is not limited to, the executive board of the Mathematics and Science Centers Network, Michigan Statewide Systemic Initiative SVSU team leader to the Higher Education Task Force, MSSI support person for K-12 pilot projects within the SVSU service; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Dr. Rathkamp’s teaching and administrative duties at the University, he has been active professionally in organizations and projects in his field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University gratefully acknowledges Dr. Rathkamp’s exemplary service and dedication to the University and bestows upon him the title of Professor Emeritus with all the rights and privileges appertaining to this distinction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be framed and presented to Dr. Walter R. Rathkamp as a permanent expression of the University’s appreciation.

K.P. Karunakaran, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University
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