RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITA STATUS
TO JANET ROBINSON, 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. Janet Robinson has given over forty years of service to SVSU, having arrived at SVSU on 1 July 1972, to join the faculty of the Department of Psychology at the rank of instructor, and receiving the rank of full professor in 1985 and spending four decades dedicated to serving the University in numerous assignments, including the Psychology Department Chair, a board member on the Faculty Association (FA) Executive Committee, the Faculty Association President, a faculty representative on the Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee (CAPC), the Basic Skills Programs Committee, the NCA Self-Study Program Assessment Subcommittee, the General Education Assessment Committee, the General Education Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson’s service to the University was recognized when she received the Award for University Service (1992) and the Professorial Continuing Achievement Award (1995); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson taught twenty-four different psychology courses at SVSU and believed that as an educator, it was her duty to provide nothing less than an excellent educational experience for students; and

WHEREAS, in all her endeavors, Dr. Robinson maintained high standards of academic excellence, professionalism and respect for students, faculty and administration; and

WHEREAS, as department chair, Dr. Robinson worked to develop a process for systematically reviewing adjunct faculty, and designed and implemented a process for the psychology program assessment, and most importantly, created an atmosphere of mutual respect among the department faculty by allowing for the respectful voicing of differing ideas and democratic practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson was dedicated to creating and maintaining a faculty governance structure that would ensure that students in each classroom were met by a qualified, competent educators by focusing on creating an educational environment and review and tenure system that was transparent and fair, intended to attract the very best of educators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson worked hard to remain active and current as an educator and researcher and made sure to involve students in her work to assist with this research, which helped them with successful applications to graduate school; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson’s years of teaching and service resulted in numerous contributions to the psychology department, the college, and the university with her service and achievements demonstrating a level of commitment and productivity that few can match; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Janet Robinson 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