RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS
TO SHYAMALENDU SARKAR, 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. Shyamalendu (Sam) Sarkar has given over forty-five years of service to SVSU, having arrived at SVSU on 1 July 1969, to join the faculty in the Department of Economics at the rank of assistant professor, and receiving the rank of full professor (1978) and spending the following three decades dedicated to the university by serving as department chair, and faculty representative to numerous university committees, such as the Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee, the General Education Committee, the Graduate Committee, the Dow Visiting Scholar and Artist Committee and the Student Research and Creativity Institute; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sarkar has been a very active teacher inside and outside the classroom, engaging students in various fashions and teaching and developing numerous programs and courses from freshman to graduate level with an expertise that earned him the Vanguard Outstanding Teacher Award (1978) and the Franc A. Landee Award for Excellence in Teaching (1986); and

WHEREAS, his contribution to his field of study is commendable, serving his academic community as a reviewer for many journals and as an actively engaged researcher who received many competitive grants, in addition to his 25 published articles on health economics and development economics, which has been sited numerous times in the field of economics as well as other business disciplines, all of which earned him the respected Earl Warrick Award for Excellence in Teaching (2004); and

WHEREAS, his countless hours of service to the department, college and university is truly inspiring, playing a key role in course and program development and spending 22 years as department chair; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sarkar’s service to the community is admirable, founding the India East Central Michigan Association, serving as a chairman of the Health Manpower Committee, and serving on the Saginaw Art Museum Committee and Midland Center for the Arts Committee, warranting recognition both on and off campus for his efforts by organizations such as Delta Sigma Phi and the State of Michigan Legislature who honored him with the Distinguished Faculty Recognition (1987); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sarkar has had a distinct impact on the campus and community, being a very active and well regarded individual who has shown exemplary commitment to his discipline, college, students, and the university, earning him merited recognition by students and faculty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Shyamalendu Sarkar be recognized as Professor Emeritus.

Approved June 22, 2015