RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS TO DAVID H. SWENSON

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

WHEREAS, David H. Swenson joined the SVSU Chemistry Department in 1996 as the Herbert H. Dow Chair in Chemistry, thus serving as the first endowed chair at the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swenson is highly regarded by his colleagues and students for his exacting standards, creative energy, and dedication to teaching. He worked tirelessly to bring hands-on, real-world research opportunities to students and to collaborate with faculty colleagues by procuring research grants and developing regional partnerships; and

WHEREAS, David Swenson contributed to the entire University community through his congeniality, generosity, and involvement with athletic teams, student organizations, and numerous departments. In addition to his teaching and research duties at SVSU, he was professionally active in organizations in his field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University gratefully acknowledge Dr. David H. Swenson’s exemplary service and dedication to the University and bestow upon him the title "Herbert H. Dow Chair Emeritus in Chemistry" with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

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

Dated: February 9, 2009

David R. Gamez, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University