RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS
TO DR. W. LESLIE WHITTAKER

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

WHEREAS, Dr. W. Leslie Whittaker joined the faculty at Saginaw Valley State University in 1966 and was Professor of English until his passing in April 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whittaker was highly regarded by his colleagues and students for his high standards and dedication to teaching; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whittaker served as one of the founding faculty members of Saginaw Valley College and was integral in building the college into the university it is today. Dr. Whitaker’s immense contributions to the English Department provided both breadth and depth to the program and his mentoring skills afforded countless opportunities and positive outcomes for generations of students and junior faculty members. Dr. Whittaker was also actively and collegially involved in university service throughout his long career; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Dr. Whittaker’s teaching and administrative duties at the University, he was active professionally in organizations in his field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University gratefully acknowledge Dr. Whittaker’s exemplary service and dedication to the University and bestow upon him the title of “Professor Emeritus of English” 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. Leslie Whittaker’s family as a permanent expression of the University’s appreciation.

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

Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University

Approved August 18, 2008