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Report from last night's Board of Control meeting:

Dr. Walter James, acting academic vice-president, was named acting president until a new president is named. He will begin his new duties today. Dr. Capitan begins his duties at Wesleyan College today.

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The Board and the Faculty Association ratified the new one-year contract, with an economic package totaling \$69,190. The contract is effective as of July 1, 1974.

The new contract provides a \$630 across-the-board salary increase for the 64 full-time faculty members within the bargaining unit. The college also agreed to pay up to 50 per cent of the retirement costs, but not to exceed \$330 for any one person.

The contract provides for merit pay increases amounting to one-half of one per cent of the base salary. Of the merit pay allotment, \$3,750 will be used to make salary adjustments for faculty members who were promoted last year.

The contract features planned expansion of spring and summer term offerings to increase the number of faculty positions. Since faculty members are paid on a base salary computed on two semesters of teaching, spring and summer term contracts are extra.

The overall economic package amounted to 7½ per cent, but this is not computed on individual salaries.

Both sides agreed to the formulation of a Task Force to study questions of academic organization and governance, curriculum, and general education.

Pending further word from Lansing on the actual State budget appropriations, the contract provides for an expansion of data processing facilities for use by faculty and students.

Other contract items:

- the faculty will be provided an additional half-time secretary during the fall and winter terms.
 - regular faculty on off-campus teaching assignments will be covered by contract for the first time. This teaching is in addition to the regular teaching assignments.
 - mileage allowance is increased from 10 cents to 12 cents per mile for use of personal car on college business.
 - union dues will be collected by payroll deduction.
 - sick leave benefits are improved to permit faculty members to accumulate enough sick leave in three years to provide income until the college's disability insurance takes over in the event of a major illness.
 - time for filing grievance has been extended from 30 days to 60 days.
 - the divisional organization of the college has been dropped.
 - health insurance coverage remains the same.
 - a new method of electing members to the Professional Practices Committee was adopted. This method provides for four members to be elected at-large, with no more than two from any one college.
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Dr. Robert Yien, chairman of the Faculty Association bargaining team, said:

"In a time when most institutions of higher education throughout the nation are facing a steady decrease in student enrollment, it is crucial for all of us working at a small, growing college to begin to ask how we can resolve internal differences and work in the direction of building a school attractive to students. The negotiations for the 1974-'75 contract between the Board of Control and the Faculty Association were conducted in this spirit.

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"The settlement of the contract on June 28 indicates that both sides showed genuine interest in reaching an acceptable agreement and providing better as well as prouder educational facilities for the people in and out of the Tri-City area. It is a giant step toward mutual understanding between the Board and the Association."

The Board approved the promotion of John Clinkenbeard to full professor, Dr. Charles Pelzer to associate professor, Dr. Thomas Renna to associate professor, Dr. William Smith to associate professor, and Dr. Robert Yien to associate professor.

Dr. Peterson, Dr. James, and Dr. Driver will travel to Chicago July 24 to meet with the North Central Accreditation Review Board. The NCA will deliver its decision on SVC offering masters' level degrees on July 26.

Admissions are up again. The June report shows that over-all admissions have increased 54.6 per cent.

The College of Education has been encouraged to proceed and further develop programs in a Master of Science degree in the areas of administration and supervision.

The Board authorized the Engineering Technology program to request the release of \$22,000 from the Development Fund for equipment and funds to develop the program.

The Board authorized \$64,000 for the remodeling of Cardinal Gymnasium; \$28,000 for lockers, shelves, laundry facilities, carpet, and contingencies for athletics; \$22,600 for professional fees and contingencies for the summer theatre; and \$10,149 for grading and topsoil for the intramural fields. The money for the intramural fields will be reimbursed by the State.

The Board increased room and board fees effective fall semester. Room fees will be increased from \$528 to \$550; and board fees will be increased from \$572 for 21 meals to \$725 for 21 meals. Students may choose a 15-meal plan at a cost of \$675. SVC will now be third lowest among the state colleges.

The benefits of the TIAA extended to the faculty will also be available to non-association members of the college community.

"Is Anybody at Home?," a Christian Science lecture, will be held at Wickes Hall on Tuesday, July 16, at 8 p.m.

William Smith has been asked to serve as an advisory editor on American Indian Quarterly, a new national journal being published by the Southwestern American Indian Society.

Dolores and Bill Capitan extended their thanks to all of us at SVC for the farewell party and wine goblets which we gave them.

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