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BOARD APPROVES ACADEMIC REORGANIZATION

A reorganization of SVSC's academic units was approved by the Board of Control during its Monday monthly meeting. Instead of operating with three schools and three divisions as in the past, SVSC will now have five schools with equal stature.

Under the plan, the Division of Public Services will be eliminated, and the Criminal Justice and Social Work Departments will be part of the new School of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. Other departments comprising that unit will be Art, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Speech/Theatre.

A new School of Science, Engineering & Technology will merge the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics with engineering and technology. Nursing and Allied Health Science will become a school rather than a division as previously. The Schools of Education and of Business & Management will remain unchanged.

A lengthy paper enumerating faculty concerns about the reorganization was prepared by Dr. Leslie Whittaker, who along with Faculty Association President Dr. Janet Robinson and Dr. George Eastland, made comments at the meeting.

Eastland indicated that the science faculty does not have a single point of view and felt that the chemistry program would stand up well regardless of "the company it keeps". According to him, the "critical issue is

the director of the program. For Engineering & Technology to do anything worthwhile, the Dean must be an E & T person. Where will this leave the sciences? The Dean must also understand our difficulties and problems. E & T needs special attention and extra efforts, and we're afraid this may come at our expense," he cautioned. Eastland also challenged the Board to "decide if you want an engineering or an engineering and technology program", an answer which "no one here knows. If this is to be a technical, more practically-oriented nuts and bolts program, the science areas -- especially biology -- don't see the relationship to them or how they'll be involved."

Whittaker said he was "concerned about the ability of the School to stay together and keep its mission straight. In separating the sciences from liberal arts, are we taking away from the strength of liberal arts as an academic discipline by fragmenting the units?" He felt that the sciences looked like applied science when viewed along with engineering & technology and thus "wouldn't be pure". He also indicated that numerous persons are concerned that we do not diminish the worth of science programs. He also said he "doesn't want people fighting for empires or mitigating against the well-being of academic programs", and said that safeguards might be the time factor and the academic vice president's ability to oversee what takes place coupled with real input from the academic departments.

Faculty Association president Robinson said that some view the reorganization as "another attack on Arts and Sciences. We're supposed to be the core of the institution. What about the integrity of what's happening? The Arts and Sciences faculty were nonplussed when their dean went and are asking is something else happening at our expense now?"

Academic Vice President Dr. Robert Yien responded that the new reorganization was possible either by the nature of the programs, by tradition, or by necessity. "We need strong science departments to boost engineering and technology," he said. Yien also indicated that no change is necessarily permanent, as

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there have been at least two previous re-organizations since 1970.

President Ryder stated that the Goals and Objectives original report of January 1976 recommended a joining of Engineering & Technology and science and an organization into five schools virtually as was being proposed. "We are only talking about assignments of units, not changes in programs. From external perception, this will enhance both engineering & technology and the sciences. No curriculum change is being made that would cause the sciences to lean toward the applied. New courses in areas such as physics would be in addition to what we are doing now and would occur whether we changed the organization or not."

Ryder also commented that more service courses would probably be developed as the Engineering & Technology program matures. Eastland responded that "we don't need another service course -- every chemistry faculty member is on overload already and has been for the past few years. We are offering only a bare bones program now, and barely give our chemistry majors enough courses. We feel that graduating five chemistry majors may be more important than servicing 30 or even 50 freshmen in an engineering & technology survey course. We're not against going with Engineering & Technology, but only concerned that in an effort to help them, we might get subverted and lost in the shuffle."

Board member Mrs. Ned Arbury said she felt badly that the Arts & Sciences feel threatened. "We need to single out a few areas of excellence to build our reputation as a college around the state and the sciences are where much of our reputation presently lies," she felt.

Ryder stated that this area of the state has a great potential for students majoring in science areas who plan to enter business and industry. "Chemistry, physics and math are key programs and should remain very strong, both in support of liberal arts and engineering and technology as areas that should not be diminished," he commented.

Yien said that the sciences would get more attention through the reorganization, as there have been three component parts in Arts and Sciences, and only two by combining

science and engineering technology. The reorganization would strengthen the arts and behavioral sciences areas as well.

"Our intent is not to weaken any programs by restructuring. I have faith in the faculty and administration's ability to restructure without adversely affecting any programs," said Board chairman Charles B. Curtiss.

The Board then unanimously adopted the reorganization plan.

Registrar Gary R. Apsey reported the final winter semester headcount of 3,359, up 2.7% from last winter's 3,116. Credit hours have increased almost 4%, from 29,332 to 30,487. Dorm occupancy has expanded from 343 last winter to 399 at present, reflecting a 14% increase.

Statewide, enrollment during fall semester at public colleges was down .6% while SVSC was up 5%. On a full-time equated basis, enrollment was down .7% and SVSC increased 4.1%. "This reflects the increased college-going of adults, because the larger residential colleges are declining while regional colleges such as SVSC are growing," Ryder said.

Ryder reported that the Governor's budget recommendation for SVSC shows a 10.96% increase on the state's fiscal year or 10.86% on SVSC's fiscal year. "This is substantially more than the Governor has recommended for us over at least the past four years. Last year he recommended 8.5% and in earlier years around 6%."

While SVSC's allotment would still not be up to the state-wide funding model, Ryder indicated that "the cost of implementing the model is higher than the state is prepared to support at the present time." SVSC had requested a 22.8% hike in state funding on the institutional fiscal year. "The problem is that we are not keeping up with inflation. We question if the Governor is sufficiently recognizing our increased number of students. I'm not sure whether we can continue to expand overall on the number of dollars appropriated.

"SVSC still hasn't reached its critical mass on efficiency of operation. Once students are turned away, it would be unlikely that they would look to this institution again.

"As the cost of education rises, access to a

college close to the people is even more important. I would hate to see us have to stop accepting additional enrollments or to price ourselves in a way that it would be difficult for many students to attend here," he concluded.

Ryder said we needed 22% more dollars for '78-9 to make progress on the number of student credit hours taught by full-time faculty and to stay even with inflation. "Our needs have been so great that if inflated, we would ask for a 50% increase and they'd laugh. We've been requesting only what we actually need," he said.

College officials are still analyzing certain parts of the Governor's budget and indicated that a number of questions remain which they intend to ask the Governor's staff in Lansing.

The SVSC prex indicated that he has set up a number of meetings, coffee hours, and other gatherings to enhance communication of the president with other constituents. He indicated that some type of contact with the Faculty Association, faculty in general, student administration liaison committee, and students in general had been planned on virtually a monthly basis and that these meetings would be scheduled in various College buildings.

Considerable time was spent by the Board in discussing how to alter its committee structure and thus implement the Munitz report guidelines. It was ultimately decided to move Board meetings to 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of the month effective with the May meeting on a trial basis. Membership of Board members on subcommittees will be done on a rotational system, and reassignments will be changed frequently so that each member becomes reasonably familiar with the happenings of all committees.

A Board resolution extending condolences to the family of Dr. Dwayne Canon was accepted by his widow, Mrs. Pamela Canon. Other resolutions honored Dr. Helen T. Suchara for her service and insight as a Board member during the past three years and clarified that the student government fee for graduate students will be \$.55 per credit hour up to a maximum of \$4.95 per semester, effective with spring term.

1979 is the International Year of the Child and a resolution was also passed acknowledging this fact. The planned Child Care Center was considered and student Ann Kozak indicated this center will also serve afternoon and evening students. A survey of present and past students has been completed to establish the need for such a center and Ms. Kozak indicated that "even non-parents are interested in further education in the child-development area." The center would be self-supporting after initial start-up costs and a formal budget can be expected within the next one to three months, after health and fire inspectors make the recommendations on necessary modifications in the house where the Center would be located.

"I can guarantee it wouldn't come and then go," Kozak said.

It was also reported that the North Central Association Accreditation visit has been rescheduled from April to early November, probably November 5-7. The change was requested because of the academic reorganization, fiscal situation of the school, the matter of whether the state will have approved the library project by then, and because deans of the five schools are not yet all in place.

President Ryder indicated that four more Argentine educators are expected here for three months beginning approximately March 6.

The facilities planning committee reported on apartment-styled housing and indicated that the College is seeking to attract outside developers for the project, which would either be privately funded or self-liquidating. Other future facilities envisioned include a chapel, for which some contributed funds are already on hand; a continuing education-student center, which would probably have to come from private funds; the cooling and heating plant, for which designs are to be completed within the next month; as well as a fine arts building, physical education facility, and stadium. Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Emerson D. Gilbert, indicated that the cooling and heating plant was not included by the Governor in his general fund budget recommendation and said the College would likely be going to the legislature.

"If this project is not included with Instructional Facility #2, we must buy a boiler there at an additional cost and with inflation, the outlay for a central cooling

and heating plant would be higher down the road." Gilbert indicated that SVSC's physical education facility was included in the Governor's message as a recommendation for planning monies.

Gilbert and Board member Dr. Richard Gilmore presented a project description for the proposed fine arts building, which has been drafted by a committee of fine arts people. "This is not a final description of what the project would entail, and the building itself could vary from 40,000 to 70,000 square feet," both said. The project includes areas for music, dance, and art and design instruction.

The real question appeared to be which building is next for private funding. Board member Mrs. Florence Saltzman said she had reservations about the priority of a fine arts building. "I'm concerned about maintaining the programs we have. Of course, we can build the building, but we must then maintain and staff it and that costs money. I'm concerned about our existing priorities. I hope we can pursue this in the future and make programmatic decisions very soon."

Board member Mrs. Barbara Darin said her tour of music and arts facilities showed her the "surroundings are not conducive to much of anything. I was appalled by the facilities. Everything over there looks like austerity. Not many high school music or art departments have that poor a facility. It's very embarrassing," she felt.

An entrance sign to be 28 feet high, eight feet wide and located at the corner of Bay and Pierce roads, was also discussed. This sign would cost some \$7,400 plus additional expenditures for landscaping and electricity. No action was taken.

SUCHARA RESIGNS FROM SVSC BOARD

Dr. Helen T. Suchara of Livonia, a member of the SVSC Board of Control since October 1975, has resigned effective immediately, according to College officials.

Dr. Suchara, professor of education and Director of the Center for Teacher Education and Professional Development at Wayne State University, told SVSC President Jack M. Ryder that her action was made necessary because of a heavy workload. According to Dr.

Suchara, her new duties as a member of the Wayne State University faculty, including service on the University's Major Policy Council, prevent her from being able to contribute satisfactorily to both institutions. Dr. Suchara said she has also notified Gov. William G. Milliken, who will be responsible for naming her successor.

Dr. Suchara joined the Board on October 9, 1975 and was serving an eight-year term due to expire on July 21, 1983. Her term of office followed that of Louis Vaupre of Bay City, who had resigned in early 1975.

Ryder expressed "sincere regret" when learning of Dr. Suchara's resignation and praised her for her "great insight and numerous contributions to SVSC while serving during the past three years". He said that "while I tried to dissuade her from her course of action, it was apparent she had made a firm decision".

STANDARDIZED BUSINESS CARDS, LETTERHEADS AND MEMO SHEETS AVAILABLE

To communicate a consistent public image externally, SVSC now has a college-wide letterhead (stationery) form and a standard business card format for college employees. The general college 8½ x 11" letterhead has the college seal and name printed with red, raised type (thermography) at the top and the college main telephone number and address at the bottom in blue. Cost for these from Central Stores (Item #361) is \$8.68 per ream. Several areas such as Admissions and Financial Aids, which use large volumes of letterheads to communicate with off-campus persons, have their own office name and phone number printed in blue at the bottom instead of the general one. Cost is the same for these and the college executive committee is responsible for deciding which areas are entitled to have their own name and number specially printed.

For internal use, a new red "Memo" letterhead printed on pink paper is now available as Item #365 from Central Stores for \$2 per ream. These are intended for any on-campus letters and hence they do not include the college address.

Envelopes for letters (#10 size) are available with a low-cost black return address as Central Stores Item #144 for \$4.35 per box of 500. Envelopes on letterhead bond with a red thermographed return address to match the off-

campus letterheads cost \$8.65 per box of 500 and should be ordered from Central Stores as Item #148.

For the month of February, the Office of Information Services is making SVSC thermo-graved business cards with red and black raised printing available to college employees at our cost of \$12 per thousand. These follow a standard format and use the attractive "SVSC" lettering down the side. To order, please write your name, title, office and phone number exactly as you want them spelled and send to Information Services with a check for \$12 per order make out to Saginaw Valley State College. Delivery will be by March 15.

There are to be no other styles or types of letterheads used for communication with off-campus people and persons with non-conforming business cards or letterheads will be asked to discontinue their use. Questions can be answered by phoning Information Services at ext. 4054.

SVSC ARTS WORKSHOP FEATURING GLASER POSTERS

An exhibition of posters by America's best-known graphic artist, Milton Glaser, will be on display at the Arts Workshop now through Friday, February 23. The Workshop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the showing.

SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM TO RECONSTRUCT BEGINNING OF THE UNIVERSE

As part of its continuing series, the Science Colloquium will sponsor the lecture "A Reconstruction of the First 30 Minutes of the Universe" by SVSC physics professor Dr. Tom Yun Friday, February 16 at 2 p.m.

The lecture, which will be held in Wickes Room 233, is free and refreshments will be provided.

STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS THURSDAY

President Jack M. Ryder will give his annual State of the College address this Thursday, February 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the lower level of Doan Center. He is expected to present his reflections of the Presidential evaluation and its implications for the College. In addition, he will be talking about the Governor's budget recommendation for the 1980

fiscal year and will discuss the future of the institution. All college employees, whether faculty or administrative staff members, should plan to attend if at all possible. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

IT'S A BOY -- TWICE!

Assistant professor of art Matthew Zivich and his wife Barbara are the parents of a new 7 lb. 3 oz. son named Matthew H., who was born last Thursday, February 8 at Saginaw General. Both mother and son are doing well.

Meanwhile, a whopping 10 lb., 14 oz. son, Shawn Patrick, was born to Director of Admissions Dick Thompson and his wife Sue on Monday, February 12. Congratulations to both families on these new arrivals!

GREENBERG DISCUSSED WILLIAM BLAKE'S ART

Assistant professor of English Dr. Mark Greenberg addressed the Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship last Sunday, February 11 on "In the Wilderness: William Blake's Art And Its 19th Century Reception". The presentation traced Blake's reception -- mostly his rejection -- during his lifetime, his emergence as a poet of revolution and aesthetic exquisiteness during the High Victorian Age and finally his triumph as a symbolist in the eyes of William Butler Yeats and other modern poets.

KAHAN PERFORMING WITH MIDLAND TRIO

Piano instructor Sylvia Kahan of Saginaw will join David Austin on violin and Jane Hunter on cello in a chamber music recital by the Midland Trio next Sunday, February 18 at 4 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 403 S. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw. The group will perform works by Beethoven, Shostakovitch, and Brahms. Austin is concert master of the Saginaw Symphony, while Ms. Hunter is principal cellist in the Midland Symphony. The public is welcome to attend this free performance.

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These positions will be open to members of the College community for one week. Interested individuals should contact the Personnel Office at ext. 4108.

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