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BOARD VOTES TO GO WITH THE FLOW

The Board of Control moved its November monthly meeting up to Wednesday, October 31, so members could meet with the North Central Association accreditation team during its October 29-31 campus visitation. In a fairly routine agenda, the board unanimously decided that SVSC will "go with the flow", by connecting a sanitary sewer forcemain from the I-75 rest area east of campus to the college sewage forcemain.

Representing physical plant, Robert Hanes said he felt the arrangement would be to the advantage of everyone, as the state highway department will pay the college all costs resulting from the department's sewage, which will increase the flow in the line during summer months when odor problems have resulted from stagnation in the line because of low summer volumes.

The rest area was recently connected to the Bay City water system, but no other sewage line is available within miles and SVSC's sanitary sewage forcemain has considerably more capacity than is presently being used. The highway department will be limited to a maximum flow of 20,000 gallons per day and will pay all costs for the hookup.

The majority of the two and a half hour meeting was devoted to the board's consideration of its proposed by-laws, which would supercede those adopted February 13, 1978. Board member Arthur J. Majewski objected to a portion of Article III, Section 4, which said that additions to the prepared agenda requested by a board member could be made only by consent of

all members present. "I feel this constitutes a gag rule for the board because it requires the unanimous consent of all members in attendance. Any board member should have the right to bring up new matters," Majewski felt. The group voted unanimously to strike the sentence from by-laws.

In Article IV, Section 4, removal from office of any officer of the board was changed from a requirement of "four affirmative votes" to "an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board." Finally, a sentence in Article VII, Section 5 was changed to read "Board members shall not vote on any issue involving conflict of interest and may participate in any discussion on such matters only at the request of members of the board." The by-laws were then unanimously adopted with the above amendments included.

In other action, the Board --

--Approved a continuing education services policy for the college which indicated that credit and non-credit courses and programs offered by SVSC will be done so primarily in central and eastern Michigan.

--Passed a resolution whereby the utilities master plan developed by Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates will be the master plan for future development of the campus utilities system. The Michigan legislature's Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee earlier approved the plan on September 20.

--Accepted the preliminary planning documents for the central heating and cooling plant and the utility distribution system, which were approved by the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee on September 20.

--Authorized the expenditure of approximately \$7,212 which will be coming in next January from sale of WSVC radio station for completion of renovating and repairing the theatre. It was reported that a new projection booth, sound booth and ceiling have been installed already and that the

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additional money will be used to construct a catwalk and raised ceiling, as well as repairing roof damage. A larger dressing room has been set up backstage, seating has been rearranged with two aisles, and lighting and stairways have been changed. "We don't feel this facility meets our needs for the long term, but it can be used for years as a small theater," President Ryder noted.

--Adopted a housing and food services budget for the 1979-80 fiscal year which will bring in \$1,022,420 in revenue. Operating expenditures are estimated at \$795,930, with an operating income of \$226,490. \$128,357 is being budgeted as the contribution toward required reserves, a category which has been helped greatly by full dorm occupancy.

--Passed a resolution to create in the plant fund a capital equipment, repair, maintenance and replacement reserve account to obtain and maintain the physical plant and capital equipment necessary to support educational programs. The administration will attempt to maintain this account between \$100,000 and \$150,000 for each fiscal year beginning in 1980-81, with \$68,000 to be budgeted this year. The account will be used for major repairs which cost less than \$25,000, such as the repair to the air conditioning equipment in Wickes Hall during summer 1978. The new roof for Wickes Hall will cost more than \$100,000, but the state of Michigan funds major repairs of this type through the State Bureau of Facilities.

--Adopted a resolution recommended by the state Auditor General to have the college budget consist of three budgetary areas: Personal Services; Supplies, Materials and Contractual Services; and Equipment. The administration will develop and utilize controls so they will be knowledgeable of and able to control expenditures within the three categories and will periodically review actual versus estimated revenues. This will enable them to adjust expenditures so they will not incur fund balance deficits. Any substantial differences between the three budgetary areas are to be reviewed with the Business, Finance and Investment committee of the board. Annual financial statements are to report expenditures according to the three areas.

--Received information on the college's "policy on conflicts of interest", which included a statement for each board member to sign indicating to the college's certified public accountants any potential conflicts they might be aware of. Officers of the institution with contracting authority and certain other persons making investments on behalf of the college will also be asked to file the conflict of interest document, which was approved by the board.

--Appointment of an investment committee was also announced, with trustee Melvin Zahnow to be chairman and Dr. Richard Gilmore and Jerry Woodcock to serve as members. Board chairman Curtiss will be an ex-officio member.

--Heard a progress report on planning organization from director of institutional research and planning Dr. Ann K. Dickey. Dr. David Alexander of Wichita State University will return to campus for a Thursday, November 8 meeting which will discuss how SVSC will organize its future planning process.

--Was asked by President Ryder to consider another category of "discussion only" on the monthly agenda for the board.

--Received copies of the memorandum of understanding between the University of Poznan and SVSC, which is not at this point an exchange agreement, but rather a framework for a working relationship until a formal agreement is eventually negotiated and approved by both institutions.

--Heard about the good season records currently being enjoyed by the bowling, cross country and football teams.

--Continued its review of the progress report distributed at the last meeting on the presidential evaluation. Board member Florence Saltzman said the board can't really and truly accept what President Ryder says has improved since the Munitz recommendations were made. "The report distributed last meeting was only the president's observations and perceptions of what has occurred - we need the input of the people who made the comments initially," she felt. President Ryder asked if Munitz should be brought back

to talk with individuals again and report on progress. Chairman Curtiss said that if Munitz comes back, his trip should be to look at specific areas where his insight is requested and not another full evaluation process. Curtiss also indicated he and the president are currently drafting a copy of the impressions of other people and said he feels 'major progress has been made toward implementing Munitz's recommendations. I'm satisfied the thrust of his suggestions are clearly being implemented,' Curtiss stated.