UPDATE: I.F. 2

Since November 11, 1983, when groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted for "Instructional Facility #2," the campus community has observed progress on construction of the complex. As the projected occupancy date approaches, there are questions and concerns regarding completion of the facility. The next several issues of the Interior will carry biweekly updates on building activity.

Jerry A. Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs, and Robert D. Hanes, director of engineering services, supplied information for this initial building progress update. Throughout construction, Hanes has worked closely with the architects and with state inspectors who are monitoring the project. "This is a State funded project, and at this point the State of Michigan owns the buildings and is working directly with contractors to secure completion," Hanes said.

Item - Completion Date: In accord with the construction contracts, the buildings were to be completed by May 8, 1986. Contractors are subject to penalties for non-conformance unless penalties are waived by the State for legitimate reasons. Woodcock and Hanes have been informed by the State that the buildings will not be available when anticipated. Therefore, no moves of offices or classrooms are likely to occur prior to July 15. "The process for securing completion is the responsibility of State officials," Woodcock said. "They currently are working with contractors to determine specific dates for occupancy."
Item - SVSC Involvement: Woodcock and Hanes reported that College officials are doing "everything under our control" to hasten completion of the facility. They said that as recently as April 1 representatives from SVSC met with the architects in Lansing to discuss delays in the projected occupancy dates. "We stressed that the College needs full occupancy of the buildings well before time for fall classes, and investigated ways to apply pressure on the contractors to speed completion," Hanes said. "The State is attempting to get a floor by floor commitment for completion of each building."

Item - Effect of Delay on Start-up Costs: A current campus rumor says the College administration has encouraged, or at least accepted, the delayed opening as a means of saving funds that would be utilized for start-up costs. "That is absolutely not true!" Woodcock said. He noted that it is to the advantage of both the State and the College to complete the project as soon as possible.

Woodcock pointed out that besides needing to utilize the facilities for instruction, another reason SVSC is pressuring for timely completion is the need to house equipment that has been ordered for the buildings. "The College is responsible for buying the movable equipment for the complex, and many items were ordered in anticipation of timely construction completion. Delivery dates have been established and in some instances cannot be changed. If we are not able to move these items to their intended location and secure them there, we will be faced with charges to store them elsewhere until needed, and then with moving costs when the buildings can be occupied. Therefore, for many reasons, completion of the buildings is of prime concern to us."

**UPDATE: PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX**

Plans for the new $18.7 million Health and Physical Education Complex also are progressing. Representatives from the architectural firm of Giffels/Hoyem and Basso spent the first week of April at SVSC conducting a "design charrette" to facilitate campus input for the project. Through the charrette, design professionals, users and owners of the building were able to define problems, generate ideas and evaluate concepts. The preliminary drawings reproduced here are a result of this process. Work is proceeding to refine the plans in preparation for seeking bids on construction. Carl Roehling, A.I.A., director of design at Hoyem and Basso, [above, left] proposes that the present gymnasium be incorporated into the new complex. The floor plan [right] shows the suggested layout of the indoor track, arena, racquetball courts, classrooms, offices, locker rooms, dance studio and swimming pool.
April 7, 1986

The April meeting of the SVSC Board of Control, under the chairmanship of Dr. Richard H. Gilmore, included two new members at the conference table. Mr. Ernest Lofton and Dr. Gumecindo Salas were appointed by Governor James J. Blanchard to fill vacancies created when the terms of Mrs. Dorothy D. "Honey" Arbury and Mr. John W. Kendall expired. Dr. Gilmore had been named chairman, replacing Kendall.

After calling the meeting to order, Gilmore welcomed Lofton and Salas and introduced Mrs. Jo Stanley, administrative assistant to the president. The role of the student government at the Board table was explained to new members.

Among the measures approved by the Board was a schedule of dormitory room and board rates, apartment rental rates and miscellaneous room and board for 1986-87. In presenting the schedule for approval, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock said the new dormitory rates represented a 3.2 percent increase over current charges. Dormitory students selecting the 21 meals per week option next year will pay $2,610 compared to $2,530 in 1985-86. New rates for the 15 meals per week plan are $2,520, up from $2,444 this year. Woodcock said SVSC presently ranks sixth among the 12 Michigan public colleges and universities with residential housing, and he believes the relative position will be retained next year. "Three institutions have acted to set new rates, and their increases ranged from 1.2 to 4.9 percent. Indications are that others will set new rates from 2 to as much as 11 percent over 1985-86 charges."

Monthly rates for apartment rental will remain the same during fall and winter semesters next year, with families paying $360 plus heat, lights and phone. Individuals renting apartments will pay $150 monthly when four persons share an apartment. Summer rates, which include utilities, were set at $46 per person per week with two people sharing a bedroom, or $70 per person for a private bedroom. A family contract for SVSC students is $105 weekly during the summer. Guest residents will pay $60 per person weekly for a shared bedroom, or $90 for single occupancy. Board discussion centered on the need to cover housing operating costs while remaining competitive, plus setting a reasonable price differential between apartment and dormitory rates.

Board members received and briefly discussed a Presidential and Board of Control evaluation completed by Dr. Barry Munitz. The performance evaluation was the third study by Munitz since Dr. Ryder's appointment as SVSC president in 1974. Each has identified strengths and weaknesses and assessed the extent to which the President and the Board are meeting institutional objectives established by the Board of Control. Munitz reported that significant improvement had occurred since his first visit in 1978, but that some problems remain. He said the Board's organizational structure and operating procedures "continue to be enhanced." The Board and the President have been "remarkably successful" in gathering support from a variety of volunteer groups, he said, and the College's Executive Committee has shown substantial improvement in its structure and procedures. Munitz commended the President and Board for continued growth in the College's enrollment and physical plant.

He said, however, that there seems to be a need for a stronger orientation process for new Board members. He urged the President and the Board to meet with leadership of the Board of Fellows to discuss how the group can work most effectively for the College.

Of prime concern, Munitz said, should be efforts to improve internal communications, particularly between the President and many of the faculty. He suggested that the Vice President for Academic Affairs could play a
central role in developing academic policy and faculty/administration relationships. He pointed out that budgeting needs to be supportive of planning, and that decentralization of decision making could be beneficial in some areas. Munitz said that intracollegiate communication methods have not conveyed clearly the priorities and the achievements of the College. "For example, the fact that academic programs currently enjoy the highest budget and staffing priority at the College has not been communicated effectively."

Copies of the evaluation will be available at the library circulation desk, and one copy will remain permanently on file in the library, along with previous evaluations.

Board members passed a policy against sexual harassment. The policy will be included in the SVSC Operating Manual. Implementation procedures are being developed in cooperation with Ms. Amy Ferguson, affirmative action officer for SVSC. Board member Salas cautioned that grievance procedures needed to recognize differences between campus constituencies.

In other action, the Board:

--received a Sponsored Programs report showing a success rate of 44.8 percent for 29 proposals submitted. An attached rating sheet showed SVSC's bilingual/bicultural grant program had ranked first in the nation, with a score of 100.

--heard an update on the status of various building projects under construction or in the planning stages. (See related articles in this issue.) Robert Hanes, director of engineering services, reported that nearly $60 million of construction is underway or planned. He said bids on the new Fine Arts facility were opened Thursday, April 3. According to Jerry Woodcock, the administration is in the process of reviewing those bids. "At this point in time, I feel that the bids are such that we will be able to proceed with the project," Woodcock said.

--appointed three people to a nominating committee for Board officers to be elected at the May meeting. Also, Joyce Woods was appointed to serve on the SVSC Foundation board until 1988, and Ernest Lofton was selected for a term ending in 1989. They fill vacancies left by Mrs. Arbury and Mr. Kendall.

--adopted a calendar for 1986-87 meetings.

--approved a continuation of the line of credit with Michigan National Bank through October 31, 1986.

--approved the appointment of Lawrence K. Fitzpatrick, Ann M. Schulte, James G. Muladore, and Michael R. Bock to the administration's negotiating team for contract discussions with Local 933 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. A new agreement will be subject to Board ratification.

--were invited to participate in an Appreciation Day recognizing the occupancy of the Administrative Services Building.

--welcomed Dr. Jose Valderas as director of the Bilingual/Bicultural Center. Dr. Salas recommended that Valderas be given faculty ranking to lend credibility to the teacher certification programs offered through the Center. Board member Woods pointed out that the contract with the SVSC Faculty Association contains language relative to faculty ranking for administrators.

--were invited to attend the Science and Engineering Open House on April 10, and learned about plans for the event and for Science and Engineering Day on Friday.

--deferred action on the Students' Rights and Responsibilities bill until May when the document is expected to be in final form.

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