

# BOARD REPORT

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A Report of the  
Saginaw Valley State College  
Board of Control

May 6, 1986

SVSC Board of Control members faced a lengthy agenda when they met Friday, May 2, with many items kindling extensive discussion.

Topping the list of actions was **approval of a tuition and fee schedule** for the 1986-87 academic year. The new rates recommended by College administrators and approved by the Board call for a 4.3% increase for Michigan undergraduate students. They will pay \$51.75 per credit hour next year, compared to \$49.50 per credit hour, a rate that has been in effect since 1983. A \$3 per credit hour general service fee paid by all students remains unchanged.

Tuition for Michigan residents taking graduate courses at SVSC was set at \$74 per credit hour, a 1.3% increase over the 1985-86 rate of \$72.50. Costs for out-of-state students will remain the same as last year, \$104 per credit hour for undergraduates and \$145 for each credit hour at the graduate level.

In recommending the new rates, President Jack M. Ryder explained that, although the Senate has recommended an 18% increase in SVSC's appropriations (to \$12.2 million) for 1986-87, most of the increase was specifically for opening of new buildings. Some \$1.14 million, or 11% increase over last year's base, is for that purpose. Only 7% would remain as an increase in general

operating funds. "Since State support represents only 63% of our revenues, that level of increase will not be sufficient to meet contractual obligations and other increased costs." He pointed out that the recommended rate was within the Governor's guideline of keeping tuition increases at or below the increase in the Consumer Price Index. College and university presidents had recently received a letter from the Department of Management and Budget stating that 4.3% would be used as the relevant CPI increase for the purpose of calculating tuition increases.

Dr. Ryder added he was appreciative that the Governor "recognized our request for funds for building openings, and for Senate reaffirmation of that request."

Speaking in favor of the motion, Board member Hugo Braun, Jr. noted, "Everyone at this table has reluctance (to take this action) because of the burden it places on students." He pointed out, however, that "SVSC has quality instruction, quality programs and quality faculty. We need to be able to retain those." He warned that "we must not sacrifice quality for accessibility, but should try to keep increases at the lowest possible level."

A later agenda item proved much more pleasant for Board members. They approved a resolution to **award the**

**contract for construction** of the new Fine Arts Center and Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery to Gregory Construction Company of Bay City. Bids received from seven firms ranged from the low bid by Gregory at \$4,879,000 to a high of \$5,569,000. Other costs associated with the building include site and supervision, architect's fees, equipment and fixtures, raising the total cost for the facility to \$7 million.

Prior to the Board meeting, Gregory Construction had received a letter of intent from Ralph Calder and Associates (project architect) notifying them that they appeared to have the successful bid for the project. On that basis, and at their own risk, Gregory moved equipment on campus and began preliminary construction activities last week. An official groundbreaking ceremony will be held June 8.

President Ryder informed Board members that efforts to raise private funds for the center had been successful. "We have \$6,350,000 of commitments in hand now, and there are requests out that should result in meeting our campaign goal." Board member Braun said approving the contract resolution was "an exciting action; the culmination of an outstanding fund raising effort." He complimented fellow Board member Charles Curtiss, who chaired the community committee that conducted the campaign.

President Ryder noted that the project had State approval, and the State had committed to operation of the facility.

As he had indicated he would do, President Ryder **responded to evaluations** of the Board of Control and the President that had been presented at the April meeting. His comments began with an expression of appreciation to the Board for "spending the time and effort necessary in conducting a thorough evaluation of the functioning of both the Board of Control and the President." He also complimented the Board and other College constituencies for their role in the institution's progress since the first evaluation by Dr. Barry Munitz in 1978.

He went on to say, "The notable exceptions to progress in rectifying perceived weaknesses of the past evaluations has been in the area of relations between the President and many of the faculty, in delegation of authority and in the perception of involvement in priority setting by campus constituencies." He then listed several actions he proposes to initiate in an effort to address these problems. They include:

--a planning retreat involving members of the Board of Control, administration, faculty, staff, students and Board of Fellows.

--establishment of several task forces to pursue critical concerns arising from the retreat.

--a number of joint meetings of the Administrative Council and the Faculty Association Board.

--continuation of the process of decentralization of

decision making, accompanied by more extensive orientation and training of decision makers. (This process will be reported more fully at the August Board meeting.)

--regular meetings with the Board of Fellows academic committee.

--rearranging the presidential schedule to allow more time for communicating with faculty.

--continuation of the review of Board of Control operating policies, and a more extensive orientation process for Board members.

--arranging a joint meeting of officers of the Board of Control and Board of Fellows to reassess the role of the Board of Fellows "so that both bodies can become more effective."

Board members acted to **approve promotions** for eleven faculty members. They are (with new rank listed):

#### Assistant Professor

Mr. Robert Thaler, sociology

#### Associate Professor

Dr. Enayat Mahajerin, mechanical engineering  
Dr. Morteza Marzjarani, mathematics  
Dr. Christos Nikolopoulos, mathematics

#### Professor

Mr. Jon Cisky, criminal justice  
Dr. David Dalgarn, biology  
Dr. Susie Emond, education  
Dr. Drew Hinderer, philosophy/English  
Dr. Gerald Peterson, psychology  
Dr. Alex Ross, sociology  
Dr. Richard Trdan, biology

Eight faculty members were **granted tenure**. They are:

Mrs. Sachiko Claus, nursing  
Dr. Phyllis Hastings, English  
Dr. Albert Menard, physics  
Dr. Christos Nikolopoulos, mathematics  
Dr. Gerald Peterson, psychology  
Dr. Rosalie Troester, English  
Ms. Jill Wetmore, management/marketing  
Dr. Donald Wiseman, accounting

Also **approved were recommendations for funding** of faculty research and professional growth proposals by the SVSC Foundation. Ten research proposals were recommended for funding totaling \$10,657.94. Individual grants range from \$274 to \$2,182. Eight professional growth grant proposals were approved, with requests totaling \$7,429.35. Grants ranged from \$272.50 to \$1,121.

**In other action**, the Board:

--approved a leave of absence without pay for 1986-87 for Mrs. Mary Graiver, assistant professor of nursing.

--approved resolutions commending Mrs. Dorothy D. Arbury and Mr. John W. Kendall.

--authorized the vice president for administration and business affairs to enter into agreements for participation in the Common Fund for Short Term Investments.

--approved revisions to the SVSC Judicial Code.

--heard a preliminary report on summer registration showing credit hours ahead of summer 1985 totals at a comparable time.

--received a personnel report listing eight recent hires.