

BOARD REPORT



A Report of the
Saginaw Valley State College
Board of Control

December 8, 1986

Discussion at the December Board of Control meeting held Monday morning ranged from the format to be used for preparing Board minutes to a review of the budget request for State appropriations. Board members also took action on items ranging from approval of sabbatical leaves to a revision in travel policy and regulations.

Dr. Gumecindo Salas said Board minutes were unclear on the process of introducing and supporting motions for discussion and action. Other members pointed out that confusion may arise because the report on introduction and seconding of motions may be interrupted by multi-page resolutions and support materials. Board member Ted Braun suggested that all resolutions and related materials appear at the end of the minutes, so text of discussions would be uninterrupted. That change will be made for future minutes.

Dr. John Willertz, SVSCFA president and faculty representative to the Board, asked for more detail on the budget request that was submitted to the Department of Management and Budget in November. He was specifically interested in information about funding requested to cover faculty salaries and other instructional costs. Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry

Woodcock explained that the document attached to the minutes was a copy of the material forwarded to DMB. Detailed line budgets are not prepared until spring, and final budgets are prepared during the summer after the appropriations level is known.

Board member Joyce Woods urged the College to "utilize all constituencies to support requests for appropriations increases recognizing SVSC's growth." Mr. Woodcock reported that state funding as a percent of total operating support is moving toward earlier levels. He said state appropriations comprised about 66-67 percent of the 86-87 budget. While this is still below the 72-74 percent level of support in the early 70's, it represents a rise from the low support levels of the early 80's, he said.

Dr. Willertz distributed a copy of a faculty position posting from 1968. At that time, SVSC was offering a starting salary of \$10,500 for an assistant professor, compared to a starting salary of \$22,000 in 1985. However, if starting salary increases had kept pace with the Consumer Price Index rise of 311%, the 1985 starting salary should have been \$32,655, he said. Board members and administrators agreed that maintaining competitive and equitable salary levels is of prime

concern, and indicated they would continue to work toward that goal.

Sabbatical leaves were approved for eight faculty members: Dr. Donald Bachand, associate professor of criminal justice; Dr. Charles Brown, professor of music; Mrs. Margaret Flatt, assistant professor of nursing; Dr. Phyllis Hastings, assistant professor of English; Dr. Gerald Peterson, professor of psychology; Dr. Gary Thompson, associate professor of English; Dr. Rosalie Troester, assistant professor of English; and Dr. David Weaver, professor of political science.

The Board approved a \$365,620 operating budget for Auxiliary Services-Bonded Facilities. Anticipated revenues include \$290,618 income from housing, food services and apartment rentals, \$50,000 from bookstore activities, \$15,000 in interest on investments, and \$10,002 from a debt service grant. A required debt service payment will use \$278,033, leaving \$87,587 as a contribution toward required reserves.

Athletic Director Robert Becker was presented a resolution recognizing his achievements as a golf coach and as director of SVSC's athletic program. Becker was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in honor of his achievements with the Cardinal golf team.

Also recognized was Professor Zhou, exchange professor from Suzhou University, Suzhou, China. He received an engraved plaque commemorating his service to SVSC.

The Board authorized a revision to SVSC's travel policy and regulations (policy No. 2.3-1) increasing the daily meal allowances for those traveling on College business. The new rates are:

Breakfast	\$3.50
Lunch	5.50
Dinner	12.00

or a Daily Total of \$21.00

Receipts for meals, including tips, must be submitted on all meals costing \$5.50 or more.

In other action, the Board:

--received a report on winter admissions showing an overall increase of 8.1 percent over applications through November of 1986.

--received a preliminary report on winter registration. At the close of open registration on December 3, student count was up 11 percent from the end of a 16-day registration period on December 11 last year. Currently 4,173 students have registered for 41,999 credit hours. The total credit hours also is 11 percent over the 1985 figures.

--named Mr. Ted Braun, Mrs. Joyce Woods, Mr. Ernest Lofton and Dr. Richard Gilmore to the Academic and Personnel subcommittee of the Board, and Mr. Charles Curtiss, Mrs. Jo Saltzman, Mr. Henry Klykylo and Dr. Gumecindo Salas to the Business and Facilities subcommittee. Dr. Salas questioned whether committee meetings should be closed to the public, and indicated concern that all Board members should have the opportunity to be informed and/or discuss items that concern the entire

Board. He was reminded that any member can place an item on the agenda of regular meetings for open discussion.

--authorized rental of a safe deposit box at Michigan National Bank.

--received a personnel report showing positions filled since the November meeting.

--received a draft of a tentative SVSC patent policy, with explanation of the provisions presented by Dr. Leonard Herk, director of BIDI. Dr. Herk expressed some concerns raised by opinions he sought from persons who worked with patent policies at other colleges. He recommended that a committee be formed to study the draft and recommend possible changes. He noted that, to be successful, the policy must have broad support from College constituencies.

--learned that dedication ceremonies for I.F. No. 2 tentatively have been set for Sunday, April 12.

--heard a presentation by Dr. Douglas Hansen, Mr. Robert Hanes and Mr. Robert Becker on the status of the Health and Physical Education complex. They were told the process has moved very quickly, and that bids may be taken in about 60 days. Mr. Hanes reported that work on outside facilities could start in the spring. He presented architects' drawings of the complex, and noted the building will contain 210,000 square feet, or approximately as much as I.F. No. 2. Board members were given information about the features of the complex, which will add space for instructional programs, intramurals and recreation, as well as providing facilities for intercollegiate athletics and an auditorium

for Commencement and similar large gatherings.

Following the meeting, the Board met in executive session for the purpose of advising the president regarding awards.