



# BOARD REPORT

*A REPORT OF THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF CONTROL*

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## Control Board Awards Degrees, Approves Seven Faculty Promotions, Establishes Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and Elects New Officers

The Board of Control dealt with a busy agenda for its last meeting before the 1995 Winter Semester Commencement exercises the following day. Topping the list of action items the Board authorized granting of baccalaureate and master's degrees to the graduates.

By resolution, the Board congratulated recently elected Student Government President Douglas Becker, Vice President Jeff Finnigan, Treasurer Mark Aldrich and nine members of the Student Senate. A similar resolution thanked outgoing Student Government President Joel Olvera, Vice President Tom Provoast and Treasurer Heather Wright for their leadership during their respective periods of service.

Promotions for 14 faculty members were approved by the Board. Those elevated to the rank of full professor are Dr. Deborah Bishop, management; Dr. Gary Clark, marketing; Dr. Sachiko Claus, nursing; Dr. Kenneth Gewerth, criminal justice; Dr. Garry Johns, mathematical sciences; Dr. Matthew Margres, psychology and Dr. Kerry Segel, English.

Promoted to the rank of associate professor are Mrs. Mary Gravier, nursing; Dr. Melissa Hayden, teacher education; Dr. Iksu Jurn, finance; Dr. Stephen Lawrence, chemistry; Dr. Carlos Ramet, English; Dr. Jonathan Romine, physical and health education and Dr. Gail Sype, management.

The promotions, which take effect July 1, 1995, will mean a pay raise of \$2,500 for full professor and \$2,000 for associate professor.

The Board approved increases in on-campus apartment and room rents to take effect August 21, 1995. Apartment rentals for families were increased by 3.3% from \$460 to \$475 per month plus a \$70 prepaid monthly utility charge (gas, electric and basic telephone service). Individuals sharing an apartment will pay a 2.6% rent increase from \$195 to \$200 plus a \$25 monthly utility charge.

The Board approved an increase of 4.5 percent to \$3,990 for the cost of the traditional declining balance room and board plan, which affords unlimited meal choices for residence hall dwellers. Three new meal plans also were approved. The thrifty declining balance plan at \$3,680 is for light eaters who rarely use their full meal allowance. The declining balance plus at \$4,305 is for hearty eaters who have trouble staying within the meal budget. The cafeteria 19-meal plan at \$3,990 allows subscribers to eat three meals a day throughout the week and two per day on weekends, with seconds. They choose from the Cafe Feature menu which includes a salad bar selection, beverage and regular desserts.

Other adjustments were made in seasonal and conference rental rates.

The Board granted approval for creation of a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree through the Department of Art.

"The Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree is a more professionally oriented degree," according to Dean Judith Kerman. "To complete the four-year curriculum requirements a student must spend more 'hands-on' studio time. It requires more intensive work in such studies as graphic design, photography, print-making, ceramics, painting, sculpture and the like.

"It provides easier access to admission to a Master of Fine Arts program where students are required to exhibit more portfolio work for admission," the Dean added.

In other action, the board elected new officers for the 1995-96 fiscal year, approved goals through the year 1998-99 and objectives for 1995-96 and established a meeting calendar for 1995-96.

Board officers for 1995-96 are: Ruth Braun, chairperson; Robert Walpole, vice chairperson; Donna Roberts, secretary and Elias Escobedo, treasurer.

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