**Sauk Valley Community College**

**August 22, 2016**

**Action Item 4.6**

**Topic: Mission Statement Revision**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 1 – The College will expand and improve the quality of programs & services.**

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**Presentation:**

Mission statements explain an organization’s core purpose and provide direction during strategic and budgetary discussions. Since the mission of colleges and universities can vary, the Higher Learning Commission determines accreditation status by looking through the lens of each institution’s mission statement.

Sauk Valley Community College’s current mission statement was adopted by the Board of Trustees in March, 2004. This statement reads as follows:

Sauk Valley Community College is an institution of higher education that provides quality learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of its students and community.

This mission statement has not been reevaluated for over a decade. Certainly, much has changed regionally and statewide since this statement was last approved. Considering most employees were not part of creating the last mission statement and considering the rapidly changing landscape of higher education, the College embarked on a four-month journey to discuss and recommend SVCC’s mission. Listening sessions allowed members of the College’s Organizational Planning and Improvement Committee (OPIC) to collect data from employees, students, and community members. Additionally, a survey was used to collect data from those individuals who could not attend the listening sessions.

OPIC combed through these data, and committee members created three draft statements, which were submitted to all College employees via email to rank and provide additional comments. A draft mission statement was created on July 21 and shared with the Board in July.

Since last month’s Board meeting, OPIC has completed a final revision of the mission statement and the Faculty/Staff Center for Innovative Teaching produced a video to introduce this statement to the College community at the Fall Kick Off.

The revised mission statement reads as follows:

Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following new mission statement for Sauk Valley Community College:

Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.