**Sauk Valley Community College**

**November 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 3.1.1**

**Topic: Online Initiative Update**

**Strategic Initiative: SVCC will investigate and develop a comprehensive online presence while maintaining the high quality, but a low cost education that SVCC is already known for.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich, Dr. Jon Mandrell, and Dr. Steve Nunez**

**Presentation:**

It is imperative for the College to provide access to high-quality education. However, communities like Fulton and Manlius are nearly an hour’s drive from the College, and many of these potential students cannot come to the campus at times classes are normally offered. Additionally, colleges and universities like Southern New Hampshire University and Arizona State University have vigorously marketed their online programs. In order to be highly competitive and to provide abundant, quality learning opportunities to all students in the SVCC district and beyond, Sauk is developing develop high-quality, online programs.

This report will give an update on the progress the College is making with regard to providing online academic programs and faculty support, and it will demonstrate being an online student.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.2**

**Topic: Federal Reserve Presentation**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 4, Objective 1 – Expand and strengthen relationships and services with community members and organizations**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich**

**Presentation:**

John Gvozdjak, President and COO of FRANTZ Manufacturing Company, and I served as panelists for the Fourth Annual Summit on Regional Competitiveness on November 17 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. This high-profile, one-day event focused on the Tri State region’s narrative as a center for excellence in transportation, water, workforce, advanced manufacturing, and innovation, with a series of panels and keynote speeches including the following:

* The Effects of E-Commerce from the Perspective of Business, Government and Real Estate,
* Watersheds as a Mega Region Unifier,
* The Region’s Infrastructure Condition and Economic Impact, and
* Future Forces – Winning through Collaboration.

As members of the Future Forces panel, John and I presented on and discussed the business-led collaboration between local manufacturers and SVCC in the development and implementation of the Multicraft Technology curriculum and the new companion Multicraft Extended Internship Program. The multipronged effort includes the development of a Machining component of the curriculum to further serve the needs of business and industry in the Sauk Valley region in addressing the skills gap. The long range vision is to develop a physical Center of Excellence supporting regional business disciplines through effective business and educational collaborations.

The event was attended by representatives from agencies of the Federal Government; leaders of agencies for economic development from the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana; local elected officials; researchers from several of the region’s universities; officials representing state’s secondary education; and local business leaders.