**Sauk Valley Community College**

**April 24, 2017**

**Agenda Item 5.1.1**

**Topic: Spring Retirements**

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

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Jon Mandrell**

**Presentation:**

The College fulfills its mission of providing quality learning opportunities through the faculty and staff who dedicate their professional lives to being Sauk Valley Community College educators. The following retirees are among the College’s most dedicated faculty and staff:

* Melanie Armstrong has served the College for eight years as the Coordinator of LRC Reference Services, Director of the Learning Resource Center, and most recently as the Director of the Learning Commons. She has been the driving force in facilitating the integration of three units (Testing Center, Library, and Tutoring Center) into the SVCC Learning Commons. Melanie will be relocating to California with her husband, Scott.
* Russ Damhoff has been with the College for thirty-one years as the Director of Sports, Athletic Director, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Athletic Booster Club Director, and Intramural Coordinator. He has built a reputation of excellence for the SVCC Athletic Program. He has been coach of the year, and many of the SVCC teams have excelled at regional and national competitions.
* Jeanne Fuger has been a tutor for the past fifteen years. She has served in the Learning Commons and the Disability Support Services Office. Jeanne has been enthusiastic about her role in tutoring students and has helped in our students’ success.
* Janet Lynch has served the College for thirty-one years as a Nursing Instructor, Assistant Professor of Nursing, and Dean of Health Professions. She has worked diligently on the re-design of the nursing program and has built an extensive network with area health professionals. Janet was also the 2017 recipient of the YWCA Crete Dillion Bowman Award for community leadership.
* Joe Popp is the recipient of the 2017 SVCC Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award. He has enriched the lives of his students as an Adjunct Art Faculty member at Sauk since 1999.
* Amy West has served at an Assistant Professor of Nursing since January of 2011 and as an adjunct nursing instructor from 1997 to 2009. She is a Sauk alumna and a student favorite.

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**Topic: Newly Tenured Faculty**

**Strategic Vision: Sauk Valley Community College will be a leader in student achievement while expanding access to higher education across the Sauk Valley Region.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Jon Mandrell**

**Presentation:**

The College strives for its vision of being a leader in student achievement through the faculty who dedicate their professional lives to being Sauk Valley Community College educators. The following are newly tenured faculty, who are among the College’s most dedicated faculty:

* Karen Abele started as an Adjunct Faculty member in 2002. She served as a Student Needs Tutor at the College. Karen was appointed Assistant Professor of English in January 2015. She is active in the community volunteering as a “Wish Granter” for Make-A-Wish foundation of Illinois. She also serves as a Board member-at-large for the Academic Booster Club at Sterling High School.
* Mary Evans was appointed Assistant Professor of Nursing in August 2014. She has a Master of Science in Nursing Education and is currently working towards her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Leadership through Bradley University. She serves on the Leadership Committee as the Faculty Lead for Nursing.
* Dan McCollum was appointed Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in August 2014. Before serving as a faculty member at Sauk, he worked for 40 years in the criminal justice field at a chief of police, communications supervisor, detective, patrol officer, and director of planning and research. Dan re-started the Criminal Justice Club at Sauk, which provides additional learning opportunities for students.
* Dr. Catherine Akker started as an Assistant Professor of Nursing in August 2014. She currently serves on the Assessment Committee and is being promoted to Associate Professor for the 2017-2018 academic year.

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**Topic: Illinois National Guardsman of the Year**

**Ethical Values: Sauk Valley Community College respects the worth and dignity of all people; stands for integrity and fairness; and encourages responsibility, accountability, and persistence in a caring, supportive environment.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Frank Murphy**

**Presentation:**

Troy Mairs, the College’s Supervisor of the Information Center and Security and a soon-to-be Sauk graduate with an AAS in Management, has been named Illinois’ Solider of the Year, after winning a four-day competition that included the following:

* Rifle and pistol marksmanship;
* Confidence course/obstacle cross;
* Day and night land navigation;
* Written exams;
* Army knowledge verbal test;
* Two-mile run and physical fitness challenges;
* Urban warfare situation; and
* Ten-mile full gear ruck march that was completed in under two hours.

Troy is a U.S. Army Specialist with the 106th Aviation Battalion. He has been active in the Illinois National Guard for three years and serves as the head armorer for the 106th aviation battalion in Peoria. Troy was able to advance to the State competition after being selected from a pool of nearly 10,000 soldiers in the Illinois Army National Guard through platoon, company, and battalion-level boards. He will represent Illinois in the Midwest regional competition in May at Camp Dodge, Iowa. A victory at Camp Dodge will send him to the National Competition later this year.

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**Topic: Sauk YMCA Update**

**Strategic Vision: Sauk Valley Community College will be a leader in student achievement while expanding access to higher education across the Sauk Valley Region.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich**

**Presentation:**

The College is working with the Dixon YMCA and the Sterling-Rock Falls YMCA to revise the operating agreement, which will be discussed.