

Sauk Valley Community College
November 25, 2019

Action Item 4.5

Topic: Faculty Appointments – Clinical Mental Health and Academic Counselor

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. Steven Nunez

Presentation:

The administration has been in the process of filling two Clinical Mental Health and Academic Counselor positions, which were advertised on-line on Sauk Valley Community College's website, in Sauk Valley Media (the *Dixon Telegraph* and the *Daily Gazette*), and on-line at *Indeed.com*. The College received six applications, and three candidates were invited to interview. A committee was composed of Dr. Steven Nunez, Valerie Kern-Lyons, and Sarah McFarlane. Janet Matheney, Dean of Student Services, served as chair.

Academic background: Jennifer Hooker is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a Master degree in Child and Family Studies and the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Human Development.

Professional background: Jennifer has been a Behavioral Health Therapist at Whiteside Counseling Health Department for the past nine years and worked at Kaplan University as a Purdue Global Adjunct Faculty for Academic Strategies for the past ten years.

Academic background: Kristen Widolff is a graduate of University of Chicago with a Master degree in Clinical Social Work and Colorado State University with a Bachelor degree in Psychology.

Professional background: Kristen has been a therapist at Moeller, Myers, and Associates, at BetterHelp, and at Whiteside County Health Department.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the appointment of Jennifer Hooker for the 2019-2020 academic year as an Assistant Professor beginning December 18, 2019, at an annual salary of \$58,955 and the appointment of Kristen Widolff for the 2019-2020 academic year as an Assistant Professor beginning December 2, 2019, at an annual salary of \$52,929.