

**Sauk Valley Community College
July 27, 2020**

Agenda Item 3.1.2

Topic: **FY 2020 and FY 2021 Bookends**

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

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Presentation:

As bookends to the recently concluded and new fiscal years, I asked the members of the Cabinet to identify the ten most important “Accomplishments of FY 2020” and the ten most important “Accomplishments to Achieve in FY 2021.” Their feedback follows in alpha order with items in each list **bolded** (✓) by me.

FY 2020 SVCC Accomplishments

- Assisted seven new business expansions and helped in the creation of 18 new businesses through the SBDC
- Awarded \$200,000 in State of Illinois Capital Funds thanks to Rep. Tony McCombie
- Awarded \$250,000 grant to expand education pathways with participating high schools (3)
- ✓ **Awarded Nursing ACEN accreditation (4)**
- Celebrated the Learning Commons 30th Anniversary
- ✓ **Completed Impact Campaign planning phase, which included hosting 13 Sauk Summits to inform community and get feedback on the Impact Program (3)**
- Completed phase 1 of air handler replacements (3)
- Completed virtual campus tour video
- Continued with student athlete success, including several national qualifiers (2)
- Developed crisis plan and procedures to ensure compliance with state and federal guidelines and mandates
- Disbursed CARES Student Funds (2)
- Exceeded our matching gift goal from College and Foundation Leadership to the Chris Byar Student Emergency Fund (2)
- ✓ **Executed COVID-19 response plan, which included quickly moving to an on-line instruction format complete with newly developed online labs and establishing virtual student services with advising, financial aid, and counseling (8)**
- Finalized installation of a 100 Kilowatt solar farm on the east side of campus (4)
- Had an unprecedented second release of scholarships for Fall 2020 semester
- Had Clean Foundation and Business Office Audits (2)
- Had first donation for the Impact Program from Bubba Bug Popcorn Company
- ✓ **Held first virtual Commencement (6)**
- Held in-person Health Professions Pinnings
- Held joint Trustees/Foundation Directors retreat about the Impact Program (2)
- ✓ **Held record-breaking 3rd Chocolate Rendezvous with 800 guests (5)**
- ✓ **Hired an excellent CFO (2) and new leadership for regional economic development and Small Business Development Center (4)**
- Hosted 2nd WACC Explore Sauk to expose students to CTE programs
- ✓ **Implemented Compensation Plan for staff and new Salary Schedule for faculty (5)**
- Increased lines of communication with our legislators through monthly emails
- ✓ **Launched the Diversity and Inclusion Committee**
- ✓ **Launched Title III grant with addition of counselors, Writing Center, and new retention software (5)**
- Marketed classes, programs, and events to the public, with focus on students thinking of attending other colleges through the *Stay Safe, Stay Home, Stay Sauk* logo
- ✓ **Moved to the Community College Health Insurance Consortium**
- Offered ten online Ed2go courses through Community Education with 462 course registrations
- Partnered with NIU, the Whiteside County Economic Development office, and area industries to create engineering Initiative
- Provided \$50,000 in summer scholarships to all students who applied
- Published a new Foundation website
- Submitted TRIO grant renewal (3)
- Unveiled Slamming Sammy makeover
- Updated/promoted on-campus Food Pantry
- Used kickoffs to explore and better understand poverty
- Worked with high schools in the western part of our district to create Sauk Block dual credit center at Morrison High School

FY 2021 SVCC Accomplishments to Achieve

- Adapt to quality, innovative, highly collaborative learning in a virtual world (2)
- Add certificates or credentials at Sauk to help displaced workers
- Complete Solar Project (2)
- ✓ **Complete update to Facilities and Grounds Master Plan (4)**
- Continue effective marketing
- Continue Title III success
- ✓ **Continue to make progress with Impact Program, including with Campaign Cabinet (5)**
- Continue to monitor faculty/staff morale
- ✓ **Continue to prepare for 2021 Higher Learning Commission Visit (4)**
- Create an enrollment management plan
- Create an extended internship program with our AAS Accounting and Business degrees
- Create strategic plan to integrate work from home policies into the culture of the college
- Engage faculty, staff, and students with discussions about diversity and inclusion
- ✓ **Enhance IT infrastructure/security (2)**
- ✓ **Erect new sign on Route 2 (3)**
- Establish/implement a sustainable college-wide budget
- Get approval to implement a BSN program
- Grow interest and confidence in the output of the college and its importance to the Sauk Valley through increased communications efforts
- Implement CTE Education Pathway Grant
- Improve on-line and synchronous learning in new pandemic reality
- Improve student retention
- Increase diversity efforts both in the curriculum and student engagement
- Increase hybrid courses for CNA and healthcare
- ✓ **Increase student support for online learners, especially at-risk students and developmental education**
- Increase virtual opportunities for potential students and beyond just those attending SVCC
- Inspire faculty and staff to promote a culture of philanthropy throughout the college
- ✓ **Issue FY21 Bond (2)**
- Keep faculty, staff, and students safe during pandemic
- Launch Nuro Retention and CampusLogic software to retain students and also complete Financial Aid process electronically
- ✓ **Maintain balanced budget during pandemic and economic downturn (3)**
- Maintain retention of faculty/staff
- Navigate challenges presented by COVID in terms of delivering cutting edge education services to our students, despite some in person limitations (5)
- Partner with a local Sauk Valley company to assist in offering a senior design project via NIU's engineering department that is working jointly with our Multicraft Technology program
- ✓ **Produce more virtual marketing plans, videos, and materials**
- Provide high quality virtual professional development for faculty and staff
- Provide laptops/mobility for all faculty and staff
- Provide virtual job fairs and workforce development programs
- Pursue departmental benchmarking
- Receive CARES Act Supplemental Funding Grant for SBDC
- Retain level or flat enrollment
- ✓ **Retain TRIO SSS Grant for next five-year cycle**
- Review activities during COVID19 disruption and identify areas for improvement