

**Sauk Valley Community College
December 19, 2022**

Action Item 4.4

Topic: Faculty Sabbatical Requests

College Health Metric: Academics – The College provides quality, contemporary, and relevant educational opportunities to the community.

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

Presentation:

Professors Amanda Eichman and Dr. Amy Jakobsen have submitted applications for consideration of sabbatical leave for the 2023 Fall Semester. During this requested time, both professors aspire to develop curricula on the topic of civil discourse. The material will be used to develop not only a for-credit course, but also professional development materials for the college and the community. An in-depth reading and summary of research on civil discourse across disciplines will be part of the project and process. Amanda teaches education courses, and Amy teaches psychology courses.

As part of the eligibility process prescribed in the faculty contract, a committee was composed of Dr. Jon Mandrell, Dr. Shelley Barkley, Dr. Michael Selover, Therese Wood, Lauren Orton, Mandy Aldridge, and Beth Smaka. The committee heard from both professors and their interests for the sabbatical. After discussion and review of materials, the committee approved of the sabbatical request.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the sabbatical requests for Professors Eichman and Jakobsen for the Fall 2023 semester.