

Sauk Valley Community College
May 22, 2023

Agenda Item 3.1.3

Topic: **Dr. Shelley Barkley's Research Expertise**

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: **Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell**

Presentation:

Dr. Shelley Barkley, Dean of General Education and Transfer Programs, recently completed her doctorate degree and co-presented her research with Dr. Curt Oldfield of Spoon River College as part of the 64th Annual Council for the Study of Communications Convention held in Chicago. The theme of the conference was *Advancing Emotional Well-Being Through Equity-Mindedness*.

Drs. Barkley's and Oldfield's research, *Illinois Rural Community College Presidents' Response to COVID-19*, explored the experiences of rural Illinois community college presidents during the COVID-19 pandemic and examined the intersectionality of prolonged crisis, leadership, and rurality on presidential perception of self. An overview of Dr. Barkley's research will be provided.