

TACOS WITH THE TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2019

Call to Order: Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Lisa Wiersema	Dennis P. Fulrath
Kate Boyle	Student Trustee Priscila Castillo

Absent: Brian Duncan Ed Andersen
Margaret

SVCC Staff: Vice President of Academics and Student Services,
Dr. Steve Nunez
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Dean of Institutional Advancement, Lori Cortez
Human Resources Director, Kathryn Snow
Executive Assistant, EmmaLea Bittner
Student Activities/Cross-Cultural Services Coordinator,
Ana Salgado

Adoption of Resolution Regarding the Intent to Levy Equity Adjustment under Section 3-14.3: It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Boyle that the Board adopt the attached resolution regarding the intent to levy equity adjustment under the Act. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Castillo advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Tacos with the Trustees Forum: Madeline Vaessen, SGA President, moderated the forum with the following questions:

SGA President Vaessen asked what are the major responsibilities of the Board of Trustees.

- Member Fulrath shared that Trustees are elected by the citizens and their responsibilities are for approving and/or disapproving decisions for the College. All action items must be voted in the affirmative by a majority of the members present. The Board approves the hiring of faculty and administrators. Member Thompson talked about Illinois Community College Trustee Association. The Board's other major responsibility is to hire the President, who provides leadership for the College. Chair Thompson also shared about the working relationship of the Board members and how they lead by consensus even if there are disagreements.

Member Thompson asked Priscila about her experience on the Board.

- Priscila shared that it has been very nice. Her role is to provide a voice for the students. The Student Trustee's vote is advisory. Member Thompson shared that Lewis & Clark's Student Trustee's vote is a binding vote due to specific legislation. The Student Trustee may also make motions and seconds on action items.

SGA President Vaessen asked how Trustee positions are filled.

- Member Wiersema shared that she was appointed because someone had stepped down. After her appointed term was up, she was elected. Trustees are elected for a six-year term and must be a minimum age of 18 years old. The elections cover the six counties in Sauk's district: Bureau, Carroll, Henry, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside.

SGA President Vaessen asked who reports to the Board.

- Member Thompson stated that the President reports to the Board. Typically, a week before the Board Meeting he and President Hellmich meet to review the upcoming Board meeting agenda.

SGA President Vaessen asked what is your ultimate goal as a Board Member.

- Member Boyle shared that her goal is to serve the six counties on behalf of the College. Member Wiersema shared that her ultimate goal is to serve the students. Member Fulrath shared that his goal is to help the people of the counties by offering various academic programs. Student Castillo's goal is to hear from the students more.

SGA President Vaessen asked if Board Meetings are open to students.

- Members Thompson, Wiersema, Boyle, and Fulrath all responded yes that all of the meetings are open to the public.

SGA President Vaessen asked who/what offices do you interact with the most.

- Members Thompson, Wiersema, Boyle and Fulrath shared that they interact with the President's Office and the Foundation the most.

SGA President Vaessen asked how do you interact with students.

- Member Thompson shared that he has interacted with students at the *Chocolate Rendezvous*. Member Wiersema likes to attend sporting events. All of the Trustees said that *Tacos with the Trustees* is a great way to interact with students. Member Fulrath interacts with students at various College events.

SGA President Vaessen asked how students can provide input.

- Member Thompson shared that all of trustee contact information is located on the website. Member Fulrath encouraged students to attend the monthly Board meetings.

SGA President Vaessen asked what is your five-year goal for the College.

- Member Wiersema hopes for Sauk to get better and better. Member Thompson would like to see an increase of online programming.

Student David Fowler asked for the College to try and attract more non-traditional students via commercials and ads. Member Thompson thanked the students for attending. David Fowler also asked why acknowledgment for certificate earners grades are not noted in the commencement program. Vice President Nunez was able to clarify that Sauk has reviewed grades based on a body of work. Some of the certificate programs are obtained by taking one class, where degrees require more credit hours.

SGA President Vaessen asked what is your proudest moment as a Trustee.

- Members Thompson and Wiersema shared that hiring Dr. Hellmich has been their proudest moment.

SGA President Vaessen asked what is the best piece of career advice.

- Member Thompson encouraged students to get involved. Member Wiersema encouraged students to get their education – no one can ever take it away from you. Member Wiersema has been both a traditional and non-traditional student. Member Boyle told students to put themselves out there and to never stop learning.

SGA President Vaessen asked what is the greatest challenge for the next generation.

- The Trustees agreed that it was a hard question. Member Wiersema shared that cell phone usage is a challenge. Member Thompson is worried about how divided in politics our nation is. Member Fulrath noted that he graduated from the first class, shared some of Sauk's history, and complimented the Administration on its involvement in the community.

Student David Fowler shared that Member Thompson's proudest moment is commencement and it shows. He saw him on stage at the commencement in May.

Student Emily Blackert suggested sending out survey's to high school juniors and seniors in the area about what their career goals are. Dr. Nunez shared about the process with ICCB regarding starting new academic programs and said he liked the idea.

Adjournment:

Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Fulrath and seconded by Member Wiersema that the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Castillo advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be in the Board Room at 6:00 p.m. on November 25, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary