

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 18, 2024**

Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Brian Duncan (virtually)	Margaret Tyne (arrived 6:06 p.m.)
Danelle Burrs	Lisa Wiersema
Sam Ramirez	Tom Demmer
Student Trustee, Chloe Coil	

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich  
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell  
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks  
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau  
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow  
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe  
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman  
Dean of Business, Career, and Technical Education, Sasha Logan  
Dean of Transfer Programs and Academic Support Services, Dr. Patrice Hess  
Accounting Assistant/Cashier, Lexi Vickrey  
Adjunct Faculty, Adult Education, Sherry Dimmig  
Assistant Director of SVCC Police Academy and Security, Rebecca Flynn  
Assistant Professor II, CIS, Greg Noack  
Custodial Supervisor, John Rumley  
Executive Director of Regional Economic Development and Donor Relations, Kim Ewoldsen  
Professor of Criminal Justice, Dr. Stephen Miko

Guests: George Howe, WIXN

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Tyne arrived 6:06 p.m.

President's Report: Dr. David Hellmich recognized the recently promoted faculty: Professors of Nursing Megan Dempsey and Meaghan Rivera (both contingent upon successful completion of program); Associate Professor I, Accounting, Geoffrey Lemay; and Professor of Business/CEO, Emily Zimmerman.

Dr. Hellmich presented certificates to the awardees of the 2024 Outstanding Awards: Dr. Stephen Miko, full-time faculty member; John Rumley, full-time staff member; Sherry Dimmig, adjunct faculty member; Lexi Vickrey, part-time staff member; and the Sauk Valley Police Academy, winner of the Shared Team Achievement Award. Dr. Mandrell thanked Dr. Miko and Sherry Dimmig for all their work on behalf of the College. Rich Groleau introduced John Rumley, stating that John is the “behind the scenes” guy and is affectionately referred to as the “Dean of Stuff.” Kathryn Snow introduced Lexi Vickrey, saying Lexi is the smiling face at the front desk of the Business Office. Finally, Jon introduced Rebecca Flynn and congratulated the SVCC Police Academy on its award. Rebecca thanked her instructors and lauded the recruits both past and present. She introduced two current students, Lindsey Lindberg from the Quad City International Airport Safety Department and Bartholomew Ilenikhena from the DeKalb County Sheriff’s Department who related a little bit about themselves.

Dr. Mandrell welcomed Professor Greg Noack, who presented on Artificial Intelligence. Greg provided a brief history of AI and mentioned the AI chatbot is helping programmers with their work so they can concentrate on the more difficult tasks. AI is learning from us what we want to see and gives us more of it each day. He demonstrated how he could write a paper that would normally take six hours that by using ChatGPT took him six minutes. He concluded by saying although AI is a challenge for our English Department, students need to understand and participate in AI because it is here to stay. Greg answered questions from Trustees.

Dr. Hellmich updated the Trustees on the upcoming commencement ceremonies that will take place on May 10 at 4:30 and 7 p.m., as well as an added online presence relating to their biographical information on the SVCC website. He concluded by mentioning Attorney Linda Giesen will be our next honorary degree recipient for which he will bring an action item to the April meeting.

Reports/Comments from Board Members and the SVC Foundation:

Student Trustee Chloe Coil reported on the recent Student Success Panel. She reported on upcoming events including *Ultimate Laser Tag* and the spring blood drive. Chloe is hosting all SAC members on March 26.

Foundation Report: Kim Ewoldsen reported the Impact Program will begin working with AFC High School soon. She said the SVC Foundation received some exciting news this morning of a bequest from the Stan and Ruth Mitick estate of \$390,000. The most recent Points of Pride were noted – SVCC applied for a \$100,000 noncredit workforce training grant that would allow us to train automotive technicians, offer a welding bootcamp for veterans, and provide career development workshops for local employers; the Impact Program Launch Day is April 1, 2024; and a recent student success report from WIU indicates that SVCC transfer students hold a higher GPA at 3.53 than native university students at Western who hold a 2.84.

ICCTA Report: Chair Bob Thompson reported he attended the March ICCTA meeting in Kankakee where the conversation continued on the community college baccalaureate program. ICCTA is formatting the lobby day events on May 1 and 2.

Administrative  
Appointment  
Recommendations for FY  
2025:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the administrative appointments for the indicated periods as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Outstanding Full-time  
Faculty Member Award:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the nomination of Dr. Stephen Miko for the 2024 ICCTA outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Outstanding Adjunct  
Faculty Member Award:

It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the nomination of Sherry Dimmig for the 2024 ICCTA outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

IncludEd Course Material  
Fee Recommendation:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the additional course material fees as presented for the Summer and Fall 2024 semesters. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution to Participate  
in the TIPS Purchasing  
Cooperative:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the resolution to participate in TIPS Purchasing Cooperative. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Bid Action –  
Sonography Phantoms:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Student Trustee Coil the Board accept the bid from Sim Training Resource with a bid amount of \$27,037.50 for the Sonography Phantom Bid to be paid from available Pipeline for the Advancement of Healthcare Workforce (PATH Program) grant funds supplemented by restricted use Funding Bond Proceeds, if necessary. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Amatrol Hydraulic and Pneumatic Trainer Systems: It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the quote from Moss Enterprises in the amount of \$51,770 to be paid from restricted bond proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Sole Source Procurement – EAB Global Retention Software: It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the proposed contract terms from EAB Global Retention for a total obligation of \$261,097 for a term of five years funded through unrestricted operating funds, supplemented by federal grant funds if Department of Education approval is obtained. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval – The Priton Group: It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the contract for The Priton Group for \$65,792.28, over three years. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval – Trane Service Agreement: It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Student Trustee Coil the Board approve the contract with Trane U.S. Inc. of Willowbrook with a total amount of \$39,391 invoiced in three annual installments to be paid from unrestricted operations and maintenance funds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Tyne, Secretary