

SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT

July 31, 2003

The Board of Trustees of Sauk Valley Community College met in special session (Retreat) in the Porcupine Cabin near White Pines State Park, 6712 West Pines Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

Call to Order: Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. and the following members answered roll call:

Edward Andersen	William Simpson
Robert Thompson	Nancy Varga
Penny von Bergen Wessels	B.J. Wolf
	Student Trustee Philip Engleking

Absent: Henry S. Dixon, Jr.

SVCC Staff: President Richard L. Behrendt
Vice President Ruth Bittner
Vice President Deborah Hecht
Vice President Joan Kerber
Dean of Health and Physical Education Janet Lynch
Director of College Relations Cal Lyons

Nursing Program: The Board heard an update on the nursing program from new Dean of Health and Physical Education Janet Lynch. Following discussion, it was the direction of the majority of the Board that there be a thorough review of the program and to focus more specifically on the level of support provided to students, timing of the pinning ceremony, and possible expansion of the program into evening hours through cooperation with Highland Community College.

Student Housing: Director of College Relations Cal Lyons presented a history and update of the student housing issue. Following discussion, it was the direction of the majority of the Board to continue to support SVCC Foundation efforts to provide student housing and asked the administration to present an appropriate resolution for Board consideration at the August 25 meeting.

PRIDE Request: The Board again discussed the request from the PRIDE organization to add "sexual orientation" to the College list of protected classifications, and it remains the direction of the majority of the Board to stay with the State statutes at the present time.

"Paperless" Board Following discussion, it was the direction of the majority of the Board not to become a "paperless" Board.

Reports Needed Earlier: Various reports were discussed, and it was the direction of the majority of the Board for the administration to send reports (particularly the Annual Audit) out as soon as they are available rather than hold them for the Board packet mailing.

Written President's Report: It was the direction of the majority of the Board that, when possible, more of the President's Report should be in writing even if it is handed out at the meeting.

College Goal Setting: Board involvement in goal setting was discussed and it was the direction of the majority of the Board for the administration to explore and present consultant/facilitator options for a possible winter Board goal-setting 1-2 day retreat.

Board Members' Items/Concerns: Member von Bergen Wessels expressed concern about the state's failure to provide restricted funding for FY04 and the Board reviewed a history/analysis of state grants prepared by Vice President Bittner.

Board Self-Evaluation: The Board discussed College leadership and the role of the Trustees in cultivating that leadership.

Adjournment: Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Simpson and seconded by Member Thompson that the Board adjourn. Motion voted and carried. Student Engleking advisory vote: aye.

The Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nancy L. Varga, Secretary