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**March 28, 2016**

**Agenda Item 3.1.1**

**Topic: Friends of SVCC Prairie**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 3, Objective 2 – Identify and implement methods to decrease expenses.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Professor Rachel Brunner**

**Presentation:**

Sauk Valley Community College has created a Friends of SVCC Prairie Committee, which has as its charge to increase campus awareness of the prairie and offer educational and volunteer opportunities for both our campus and our community. The members have identified the need to develop the prairies that are already in existence through weed maintenance, seed collection, and diversification of species and would like to see the amount of prairie on our campus increase, both to reduce mowing and associated costs, and to restore a more native, natural landscape.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.2**

**Topic: Academic Webpages**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 1, Objective 4 – Improve existing services to students using available resources and data including data from program reviews.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Steve Nunez**

**Presentation:**

Information Services and Marketing at the College have updated the academic webpages to provide potential majors with information on the cost of each program, scholarships available, a program description, and detailed class scheduling. Also highlighted are faculty credentials and Sauk Successes.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.3**

**Topic: Dual Credit Enrollment Update**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 1, Objectives 3 – While maintaining academic quality, expand the number of courses and programs that can be completed through alternate delivery methods to expand student access.**

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

**Presentation:**

Dual credit headcount and the number of credit hours declined in FY2016 when compared to FY2015 and FY2014, which had historically high numbers. Specifically, enrollment in headcount and the number of credit hours declined by -40.8% and -27.1% in the fall semester and then -15.6% and -17.1% in the spring semester. The following factors contributed to the decline:

* Significant loss of high school faculty in some schools.
* New placement standards for students who have reduced their eligibility for enrollment.
* Loss of offering Criminal Justice at the Elizabeth Vocational Center within Highland Community College’s district. Sauk Valley Community College provided the Criminal Justice program to Highland in the past, and Highland created its own program last year.
* Oregon High School can choose among four community colleges for dual credit and selected Highland in FY2016.

The following new courses and initiatives will be a part of increasing dual credit enrollment in FY2017:

* Sterling High School will send approximately 80 students to SVCC next year for Career/Technical courses.
* Polo High School will add Biology and Mathematics courses.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.4**

**Topic: Budget Update**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 3 – The College will maintain an appropriate operating fund surplus.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Melissa Dye**

**Presentation:**

The College continues planning for the FY2017 budget. Attached is the Operating Funds Budget Projection. The anticipated FY2016 deficit climbs from $490,446 to $2,447,157 when no state funding is included; the projected FY2017 deficit climbs from $899,775 to $1,486,789 when a 30% decrease state funding is included.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.5**

**Topic: Faculty and Staff Awards**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 5, Objective 3 – Enhance the reputation of the College as a quality institution of higher education.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Kathryn Snow**

**Presentation:**

The College has created three new awards to honor our full-time faculty, full-time staff, and adjunct faculty. The winner of the Outstanding Full-time Faculty Award and the winner of the Outstanding Staff Award will receive $1,000 to use for professional development; the winner of the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award will receive $500 to use for professional development.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.6**

**Topic: Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Recommendation**

**Strategic Direction: Mission – Sauk Valley Community College is an institution of higher education that provides quality learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of its students and community.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Steve Nunez**

**Presentation:**

On February 10, the College submitted its Assurance Review to the Higher Learning Commission and is reporting the status of this review.