**Sauk Valley Community College**

**May 23, 2016**

**Agenda Item 3.1.1**

**Topic: Multicraft Extended Internship Program**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 4 – The College will be proactive and responsive to community needs.**

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

**Presentation:**

The College has been working with manufacturers to design programs to help strengthen their workforce. On May 12, approximately 40 CEO's and senior leadership members from local industry met at SVCC to learn about the new Multicraft Extended Internship Program. Within this program, a key option is for industry to hire an employee for three days a week and support him or her in taking courses at SVCC the remaining two days a week. The input of the industry will be used to further modify the program. The fall schedule already reflects this opportunity for those interested in participating.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.2**

**Topic: Financial Aid Update**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 4 – The College will be proactive and responsive to community needs.**

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

**Presentation:**

 The College’s Office of Financial Assistance has been approved as an experimental site for providing financial aid to students seeking short-term certificates. Current federal guidelines require students to be enrolled in a program with sixteen credit hours or more to be eligible for financial assistance. This initiative assists in funding students for popular workforce programs such as CNA, CDL, and the entry-level welding certificate. An assigned case manager by the Department of Education will provide further detail for eligibility.  Additionally, the College has been approved to provide financial aid to students with bachelor's degrees who return to SVCC for an AAS degree.