**Sauk Valley Community College**

**April 24, 2017**

**Action Item 6.3**

**Topic: Faculty Appointment – Agriculture**

**Mission: Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.**

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

**Presentation:**

The administration has been in the process of filling an agriculture faculty position, which was advertised online on Sauk Valley Community College’s website, *AgCareers.com*, and in Sauk Valley Media (the *Dixon Telegraph* and the *Daily Gazette*). Eight applications were received. A committee was composed of Scott Gillihan, Kathy Sotelo, Michael Selover, and Dr. Jon Mandrell. Joshua West, Director of Business, Career and Technical Education, served as chair.

Three qualified candidates were interviewed by the committee and the President. Each candidate completed a teaching presentation on the topic of “Emerging Trends in NW Illinois Agriculture” or “the Cost Benefit Analysis of No-Till Farming.”

*Academic background:* Dr. Anderson received a Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Career and Technical Education, M.S. degree in Agricultural Education from Texas A & M University, and a B.S. in Agricultural Education from Illinois State University.

*Professional background:* Dr. Anderson has been employed at Iowa State University for the past seven years as an Assistant Professor in Agriculture Education; he previously worked at Murray State University for four years as an Assistant Professor of Agriculture. He also taught agriculture at the high school level at A-Central Community Unit School and Aledo Community Unit School District.

Dr. Anderson’s references stated that he is a self-starter, has great connections with industry, and will hit the ground running; his strength is his hands-on teaching approach.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the employment of Dr. Ryan Anderson as a Professor of Agriculture starting August 11, 2017 at a salary of $57,871.