**Sauk Valley Community College**

**February 27, 2017**

**Action Item 4.2**

**Topic: Board Policy 109.02 Awarding Honorary Degrees – Second Reading**

**Strategic Direction: 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**

**Presentation:**

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**Recommendation:**

 The administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 109.02 Awarding Honorary Degrees as presented for second reading.

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