

Sauk Valley Community College
April 27, 2020

Action Item 4.7

Topic: ICCTA Adjunct Faculty Outstanding Award

Strategic Vision: Sauk Valley Community College will be a leader in student achievement while expanding access to higher education across the Sauk Valley Region.

Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich, Dr. Jon Mandrell, and Kathryn Snow

Presentation:

Audrey Smith has been selected for this year's SVCC Outstanding Part-time Faculty Award and, as such, is the College's nominee for the 2020 ICCTA Outstanding Part-time Faculty Award.

Academic background: Audrey received an Associate in Science with a major in Psychology from Sauk Valley Community College, a Bachelor of Arts from Waldorf College, and a Master of Science in Psychology from Walden University.

Professional background: Prior to being an Adjunct Faculty member, Audrey worked for Sauk as the Administrative Assistant to AmeriCorps from January of 2015 to July of 2018.

Comments from Nomination: Audrey has been an instrumental partner in expanding dual credit opportunities in the College's district. A large feeder school for the college did not have a qualified instructor to teach dual credit psychology. She volunteered to teach at the high school, thereby expanding higher education access to learners interested in her field.

Audrey is extremely active on campus, including the following service to the College: she has served as the faculty co-advisor for the College's Psych Club for the past two years; she has facilitated meetings and assisted with planning and coordination of annual events; and she has planned and coordinated speakers in relation to careers in psychology. In addition, she participates in taking students to the annual Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology (MISTOP) conference.

As the faculty co-advisor for Phi Theta Kappa, she completed the 5-Star advisor training. The club is very active having participated in multiple fundraising, college service, and international conference opportunities.

Audrey serves on the College's Operational Planning and Improvement Committee (OPIC) and has long been invested in seeking out opportunities for professional development that enrich her teaching for the College. For example, she attends a regional psychology conference (MISTOP) annually that specifically centers on topics pertinent to teaching psychology.

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends the Board approve the nomination of Audrey Smith for the 2020 ICCTA Outstanding Part-time Faculty Member Award.