

**Sauk Valley Community College
November 22, 2021**

Action Item 4.1

Topic: Faculty Retirement – Humanities/Music

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:

Kris Murray has submitted her intent to retire effective July 31, 2022. In August 1990, Kris was hired as an Adjunct Music Instructor for Sauk Valley Community College. In August 1994, she began full-time employment as Humanities/Music faculty.

Professor Murray has been a SVC Foundation volunteer, the lead author/reviewer on updating curriculum through the Curriculum Committee, and a member of many committees throughout the years. She instructed the first-ever Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) at SVCC. She was responsible for creating all of the content and monitoring the course titled, *In Their Own Words: The World's Fair of 1893*, which attracted students from around the world, provided tremendous service to the College, and gave SVCC a presence within the MOOC conversation across higher education. Kris was in charge of the yearly Madrigal dinner performances for many years and was closely involved with both Global Awareness Days and Humanities Week. We thank, Kris, a distinguished SVCC Alumna, for her service to our community and students.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board accept the retirement of Kris Murray effective July 31, 2022.

Kris A. Murray
11/01/2021

Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Academics and Student Services
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Dear Jon,

It is with some reluctance that I submit my intention to retire. The last 30+ years at Sauk Valley Community College have been interesting and fulfilling. But it is time, and I am looking forward to traveling and pursuing my several interests.

My last day at Sauk Valley Community College will be July 31st, 2022. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the transition of my duties to my successor.

I wish Sauk and all its employees much success in the coming years.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Murray".

Kris A. Murray
Associate Professor, Humanities