

**Sauk Valley Community College
April 21, 2025**

Action Item 6.6

Topic: Faculty Retirement – English / History

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: Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

Presentation:

Professor of English and History, Richard Eichman, has submitted his intent to retire effective June 1, 2026. Richard is one of the most versatile professors on campus. He is qualified to teach History, Geology, English, and French. He also possesses his FAA license for using and instructing on the use of drones. He is willing and able to teach a multitude of classes for the College, and his flexibility is very much appreciated. Richard has a strong sense of academic standards and rigor. He provides quality educational opportunities and promotes student success. Richard is always thinking innovatively about curriculum and is very flexible in his teaching repertoire.

As a faculty leader of the social sciences, Richard has been a huge support to administration. He is a highly respected and valued member of the SVCC team. We thank Richard for his service and dedication to SVCC students, faculty, and our community.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the retirement of Richard Eichman as a Professor of English and History effective June 1, 2026.

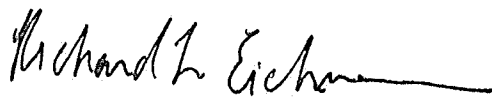
Dr. David Helmich, President
Sauk Valley Community College
173 Rte. 2
Dixon, IL, 61021

March 24, 2025

Dear Dr. Helmich,

I am writing to tell you of my intention to retire from Sauk Valley Community College at the end of the spring term of the 2025-2026 academic year. I also wish to apply for the early retirement bonus program as outlined in board policies. My retirement will be effective June 1, 2026, and I will be 57 years old at that time. I have taught at Sauk since June of 2000. When I was hired, the dean at that time told me that getting hired here was more like getting adopted. We have worked and relaxed together, and I can attest that Sauk is like a family. It has been an honor and a privilege to spend so much of my career here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard L. Eichman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Richard Eichman

CC: HR