

Sauk Valley Community College
April 27, 2026

Action Item 4.14

Topic: **Recommendation for Emeritus Status**

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: **Members of the SVCC President’s Cabinet**

Presentation:

The President’s Cabinet proudly nominates Dr. David Hellmich for Emeritus status in accordance with Board Policy 407.02. Over his eleven years at Sauk Valley Community College, Dave has demonstrated exceptional leadership and an unwavering commitment to students, the College, and the broader community. We extend our best wishes to Dave in his retirement and are honored to carry forward his legacy through the Hellmich Legacy, supporting the Impact Program and expanding access to higher education across the Sauk Valley.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the recommendation for Dr. David Hellmich to receive the honorary President Emeritus status.



March 31, 2026

Dear Chair Thompson and SVCC Board of Trustees,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that the members of the President's Cabinet nominate Dr. David Hellmich for Emeritus status in accordance with Board Policy 407.02. Over his eleven years of service to Sauk Valley Community College, Dr. Hellmich has demonstrated exceptional leadership and an unwavering commitment to both the institution and the broader community. As a mission driven leader, he has helped cultivate the culture of care and excellence that defines the College today. He truly embodies the mission of SVCC and we are proud to have served alongside him throughout his tenure.

We are also honored to carry forward his impactful work through the Hellmich Legacy, recently established to advance the efforts of the Impact Program and expand access to higher education throughout the Sauk Valley.

For these reasons, we are proud to nominate Dr. Hellmich for this honorary distinction, which we believe he so richly deserves. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

With Great Honor,

Members of the SVCC President's Cabinet

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

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