

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Margaret Tyne	Lisa Wiersema
Brian Duncan	Kate Boyle
Danelle Burrs	Student Trustee, Meg Frank

Excused: Sam Ramirez

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks
Dean of Health Professions, Christine Vincent
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
Associate Professor II of Electronics/Technology, Steven McPherson
Director of the SVCC Police Academy, Jason LaMendola
Assistant Director of SVCC Police Academy and Security, Rebecca Flynn
College Resource Officer/LCSD Deputy, Kyle Kellen

Guests: Tim Garnhart, WIXN Radio

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich acknowledged the recent passing of Joyce Preston, former supervisor for the SVCC Information Center. Joyce was employed at Sauk from 1978 until her 2005 retirement and was remembered as generous, supportive, and humble. Margaret Tyne added that Joyce was a thoughtful and caring individual.

Dr. Hellmich introduced Dr. Jon Mandrell, who presented Jason LaMendola to introduce the Sauk Police Academy recruits. Jason commented that the inaugural class is performing very well. Recruits Stephanie Martinez of Henry County and Alexandra VanVickle of Ogle County described their commitment to become police officers.

Dr. Hellmich asked Aaron Roe to give a spring enrollment update. Aaron presented figures from the first day of classes showing an overall increase in headcount and credit hours. Aaron highlighted paid enrollment and the increase in male student credit hours. He answered questions from the Trustees.

Dr. Hellmich asked Kent Sorenson to update the Board on proposed tuition and fees and the proposed budget. Kent began with college health metrics and moved on to the comparison with Sauk's peer and bordering colleges, highlighting SVCC's slow and steady approach in increasing tuition. He explained the college's practice to review course fees every three years. Kent indicated budget projections remain consistent and briefly touched on the fund balance and answered questions from Trustees. Dr. Lori Cortez answered a question as to how the tuition, fees, and enrollment will be affected by the Impact Program students.

Reports/Comments from Board Members:

Student Trustee Report: Meg Frank highlighted spring events, including caricatures on the first day of class; upcoming *Conversations with Cortez* on January 25; *Spring Sauk Fest* on February 1; *Pizza With the Prez* on February 15; and a student leadership event on Friday, February 17 featuring Jason LeVasseur. The Student Government Association has plans to create a video about student government elections to get students to think about running for office and in particular the male student population. Meg answered questions from Trustees.

Foundation Report: Dr. Lori Cortez reported that ticket sales for the *Chocolate Rendezvous* were going extremely well for the February 11 event. Lori highlighted the January Points of Pride: the SVCC TRiO program, student enrollment, and last week's celebration of 270 combined years of service for Sauk employees.

ICCTA Report: Chair Thompson encouraged other Trustees to attend the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., on February 6 – 8, indicating there is an in-person meeting with Senators Duckworth and Durbin.

Board Policies 109.01
Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, 114.01
Board Meeting Agenda, and 431.01
90-Day Introductory Period –
First Readings:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve revision to Board Policies 109.01 *Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees*, 114.01 *Board Meeting Agenda*, and 431.01 *90-Day Introductory Period* as presented for a second reading. Chair Thompson commented on #18 of policy 109.01, and Dr. Hellmich will follow up. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Dean of Health
Professions Retirement –
Christine Vincent:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the retirement of Christine Vincent as the Dean of Health Professions effective June 25, 2023. Dr. Mandrell praised Dean Vincent’s work in earning ACEN accreditation and reshaping nursing with the new simulation labs. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Associate Professor II of
Electronics/Technology
Retirement – Steve
McPherson:

It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the retirement of Steve McPherson as an Associate Professor II of Electronics/Technology effective August 1, 2023. Dr. Jon Mandrell noted Professor McPherson is a great mentor and was at the forefront of the technology working with students and local manufacturing industries to create the Multicraft Program. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Honorary Degree:

It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Tyne per Board Policy 109.02, the Board award an Honorary Associate in Arts Degree – Social Science Major to Bill Wescott for his exceptional and lasting contributions to Sauk Valley Community College, the Sauk Valley College Foundation, and the Sauk Valley. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Duncan the Board accept the College’s fiscal year 2022 audit, which excludes the fiscal year 2022 Single Audit. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Equipment Disposal:

It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Student Trustee Frank the Board approve the disposal of the College’s 2005 Ford Transit ‘Turtle Top’ 15-passenger bus. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes:

In was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the closed session minutes for December 19, 2022. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema that the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2023, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary