

**Sauk Valley Community College
February 26, 2024**

Action Item 4.3

Topic: Faculty Sabbatical Request

College Health Metric: Human Resources – The College hires qualified employees and provides competitive benefits to attract and retain faculty and staff; departments provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.

Presented By: Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

Presentation:

Ruth Montino, Professor of English, has submitted an application for the consideration of sabbatical leave during the 2024 Fall Semester. Throughout this period, Professor Montino will conduct research and explore the topic of Artificial Intelligence, with a specific focus on its impact on instructional practices, policies, and the development of training materials. Additionally, she will conduct interviews with campus and community members to gain insights into their needs and opinions on the subject. An in-depth reading and summary of research on Artificial Intelligence will also be provided.

As part of the eligibility process, a committee was composed of Greg Noack, Mandy Aldridge, Amanda Eichman, Dr. Patricia Hess, Dr. Jon Mandrell, Paul Edleman, and Kevin Megill. The committee heard from Professor Montino and her interests for the sabbatical. After discussion and review of materials, the committee approved of the sabbatical request.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the sabbatical request for Professor Ruth Montino for the Fall 2024 semester.