

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**February 23, 2026**

**Action Item 4.2**

**Topic:** Full-Time Faculty Appointments 2026-2027

**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:**

The Board takes annual action on the administrative recommendations for faculty.

***Faculty Term Appointments***

At the end of the spring semester, the following faculty members will have completed one full year of satisfactory service as term appointees and are eligible for reappointment to one year of the same designation.

- Kieran Benson
- Dimitra Freehill
- Katrina Graff
- Christopher Lowe
- Andreas Soemadi
- Jennifer Talbot

At the end of the spring semester, the following faculty members will have completed two years of satisfactory service as term appointees and are eligible for reappointment to another year of the same designation.

- Ellyn Horn
- Christy Lincoln
- Isaac Newman

At the end of the spring semester, the following faculty members will have completed three or more years of service as a term appointee and are recommended for a continuing contract (tenure).

- Jackson Holcomb
- Lois Hinton

At the end of the spring semester, Jennifer Hooker and Katy Keller will have completed another year of satisfactory service and are being recommended for appointment for another year as a term appointee contingent upon grant funding.

### ***Faculty Continuing Appointments***

The following faculty members are on continuing contracts and will continue at their current rank.

- Lori Anton
- Glenn Bodish
- Dr. James Chisholm
- Carrie Conderman
- Dr. Megan Dempsey
- Dr. Paul Edleman
- Cynthia Everett
- Kayla Gaffey
- Scott Gillihan
- Thomas Irish
- Dr. Amy Jakobsen
- Jeff Johnson
- Kevin Larsen
- Geoffrey Lemay
- Valerie Kern-Lyons
- Kevin Megill
- Dr. Stephen Miko
- Jeanne Nailor
- Greg Noack
- Dr. Lauren Orton
- Dr. Meaghan Rivera
- Kenda Scott
- Beth Smaka
- Bradley Smith
- Therese Wood
- Maggie Young
- Dr. Emily Zimmerman

### ***Promotions***

The following faculty members have completed the necessary coursework and are recommended for promotion.

- Evan Hunziker - Associate Professor I or Professor I - Mathematics  
Contingent upon completion of required promotional credit by August 2026.
- Ruth Montino - Associate Professor II - English

### **Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the full-time faculty appointments for 2026-2027 as presented.