

**Sauk Valley Community College
July 31, 2023**

Action Item 5.1

Topic: Faculty Retirement - Sociology

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:

Dr. James Wright has submitted his intent to retire as a Professor of Sociology effective January 1, 2024. Jim was hired in August 1999 as a Professor of Sociology and has also taught Psychology.

Dr. Wright's use of open educational resources is evidence of his commitment to improving the student learning experience while maintaining high-quality instruction across his courses. Sauk thanks Jim for his service and dedication to SVCC and our community.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the retirement of Dr. James Wright as a Professor of Sociology effective January 1, 2024.

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July 24, 2023

Dr. Shelley Barkley
Dr. Jon Mandrell
Sauk Valley Community College

Dear Drs. Barkley and Mandrell:

I will retire from Sauk Valley Community College effective January 1, 2024. My last day of employment with Sauk Valley Community College will be December 31, 2023.

It has been my privilege to begin my time at Sauk Valley Community College as a student and to return as a Professor of Sociology. I have endeavored to do my best to contribute to the academic success and future careers of my students as I have celebrated the College's successes and witnessed the ups and downs that are part of the life of any educational organization. I wish the faculty, administration, and staff all the best as you continue to serve the student body and the broader Sauk Valley community.

I appreciate the friendships and bonds I have formed during my time here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. James A. Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

Dr. James A. Wright