

Sauk Valley Community College
March 18, 2024

Action Item 4.2

Topic: Outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award

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: Dr. David Hellmich, Dr. Jon Mandrell, and Sasha Logan

Presentation:

Dr. Stephen Miko is SVCC’s Outstanding Faculty Award winner and is being nominated for the 2024 ICCTA Outstanding Full-time Faculty Award.

Educational and professional background: Steve is a graduate of Western Illinois University with a Bachelor and Master degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. In 2001, he graduated from the Police Training Institute and in 2022 received his Doctorate in Adult and Higher Education from Northern Illinois University.

Steve has been employed with SVCC since August 2021 as a Criminal Justice Professor. He was employed by the Village of Glen Ellyn in Illinois for 20 years as a Police Officer and held positions as the Community Education Officer, School Resource Officer, D.A.R.E. Instructor, Juvenile Officer, Field Training Officer, Detective, Evidence Technician, Crisis Intervention Team, Gang Expert, Motorcycle Officer, Truck Enforcement Officer, and Elderly Services Officer.

Comments from Nomination: During his first year at SVCC, Steve completed program review on the Criminal Justice program and made significant updates to the program that support student success. He is very active in the SVCC Police Academy where he teaches Stress Management, Police and Community Relations, Officer Wellness, and Procedural Justice. Additionally, he has worked to update various simulation equipment including a staged crime scene room. Under his leadership, student involvement in the Criminal Justice Club has drastically increased due to his incorporation of a wide variety of speakers and field trips in our region.

Steve assists in recruiting by regularly attending events on our campus, in the local communities, and at schools. He provides employment recruiting opportunities for students through his partnerships with police agencies throughout the state. To increase access for dual credit students, Steve is teaching sections dedicated just to Sterling High School students. He has taken on the role of Faculty Leader and is participating in the 2023 cohort of the Chair Academy where he is working on expanding his higher education leadership skills.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the nomination of Dr. Stephen Miko for the 2024 ICCTA Outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award.