

**Sauk Valley Community College
November 24, 2025**

Action Item 4.3

Topic: Faculty Retirement – Communication

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. Patricia Fulfs has submitted her intent to retire as Professor of Communication. Patty has dedicated her career at SVCC to advancing the Communication Studies curricula and providing quality education to countless students. Her robust and interdisciplinary background allowed her to develop and lead Communication Studies designed to be comprehensive and career-focused. She was dedicated to ensuring the curricula prepared students for transfer to four-year institutions, giving them the skills desired for success in a wide variety of fields, including business administration, marketing, journalism, and human resources.

Patty's dedication to her students is unwavering, exemplified by her commitment during challenging times, such as when she worked diligently to ensure synchronous learning remained as close to in-person instruction as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Fulfs will leave a lasting legacy through the successful graduates she has mentored and the Communication Studies program she helped shape.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the retirement of Dr. Patricia Fulfs as Professor of Communication effective July 31, 2026.

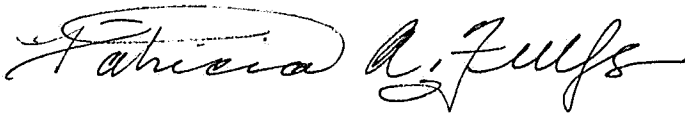
October 30, 2025

Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Academics and Student Services
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Dear Dr. Mandrell,

In a letter dated December 6, 2023, I informed Dr. Hellmich of my intent to retire pursuant to the Board of Trustees's Early Retirement provision (425.01). I now write to affirm that I will be retiring from Sauk Valley Community College, effective July 31, 2026.

Respectfully yours,



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cc: Human Resources