

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2024

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Brian Duncan called the FY 2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:03 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Tom Demmer	Danelle Burrs
Lisa Wiersema	Student Trustee James Curl
Sam Ramirez	

Excused: Bob Thompson, Margaret Tyne

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
Dean of Business, Career, and Technical Education, Sasha Logan
Academic Advisor/Veterans Representative/PASS Facilitator, Celina Benson
Professor of Communication/Political Science, Dr. Paul Edleman
Professor of Psychology, Dr. Amy Jakobsen (virtually)
Assistant Professor II of Early Childhood Education, Beth Smaka

Guests: George Howe, Shaw Local Media

Conduct public hearing concerning the FY 2024-2025 budget: Vice Chair Duncan opened the floor for public comments and Board comments. No comments were made. It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board adjourn the public hearing concerning the FY 2024-2025 budget. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: Aye. Motion carried.

FY 2024-2025 budget public hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice Chair Brian Duncan called the regular board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Tom Demmer	Danelle Burrs
Lisa Wiersema	Student Trustee James Curl
Sam Ramirez	

Excused: Bob Thompson, Margaret Tyne

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
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Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich reminded those present we have a Board retreat beginning at noon, on Monday, September 23. During lunch, Val Kern-Lyons will give a synopsis of her spring sabbatical in Ireland. Dave asked Trustees to let him know any topics of interest they are interested in for the retreat agenda.

Dr. Hellmich welcomed Dr. Paul Edleman and Dr. Amy Jakobsen from the Faculty Negotiation Team, stressing the collegial atmosphere and thanking those on the team and on the sidelines. Dr. Edleman remarked that he enjoys the negotiation process and views it as problem-solving that is worked on together. He thanked the Trustees and administration for the work they put forward in getting the job done. Dr. Amy Jakobsen echoed Paul's comments and said she appreciates how their data-driven approach works as a team including the input from Kent Sorenson and Kathryn Snow.

Dave asked Dr. Jon Mandrell to introduce key players of the ECACE grant team: Beth Smaka, Celina Benson, and Sasha Logan. Beth reported on the successes of the Illinois Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity grant, stressing the legislation – this is a law in the State of Illinois and now is an unfunded mandate but the team will continue with it because they are committed to changing students’ lives. Beth answered Trustees’ questions and thanked her Advisory Council and community partners.

Dave remarked the local consolidated election will be held on April 1, 2025. Trustees Duncan and Burrs are each up for a six-year re-election term, and Trustee Demmer is up for a two-year unexpired term. Anyone can run for whichever term desired.

Reports/Comments from Board Members and the SVC Foundation:

Student Trustee James Curl reported on recent Welcome Week activities, including Caricatures and the Alex Fischbach concert. James gave Student Government updates, insight on the recent SAC meeting, and shared upcoming student activities.

Foundation Report: Dr. Lori Cortez reported on the most recent points of pride – the completion of the West Mall Plaza project, the recognition from IGEN, and the Impact Program indicating that 100% of Milledgeville sophomores have been retained this year. Lori continued saying the Employee Campaign has kicked off and 92 employees have contributed thus far a total of \$25,000.

Vice Chair Duncan mentioned he recently toured the agriculture facility at Heartland Community College.

ICCTA Report: There was no report this month.

2024-2027 Contractual Agreement between the Board of Community College District No. 506 and the Sauk Valley Community College Faculty Association:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve as presented the 2024-2027 Contractual Agreement between the Board of Community College District No. 506 and the Sauk Valley Community College Faculty Association. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy 205.01 *The College Calendar* – First Reading:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve revisions to 205.01 *The College Calendar* as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *403.01 Affirmative Action and 403.02 Non-Discrimination in Employment and Student Relations* – First Reading:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the revisions to combine *403.01 Affirmative Action and 403.02 Non-Discrimination in Employment and Student Relations* into one policy (*403.01 Affirmative Action and Non-Discrimination in Employment and Student Relations*) while deleting policy *403.02 Non-Discrimination in Employment and Student Relations* as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *514.02 Smoking/Tobacco, 516.01 Drug-Free Campus, and 624.01 Illicit Use of Drugs, Abuse of Alcohol by Students and Prohibition of Tobacco* — First Reading:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve revisions to combine *514.02 Smoking/Tobacco; 516.01 Drug-Free Campus; and 624.01 Illicit Use of Drugs, Abuse of Alcohol by Students and Prohibition of Tobacco* into one policy (*516.01 Drug, Alcohol, and Smoke-Free Campus*) while deleting policies *514.02 Smoking/Tobacco* and *624.01 Illicit Use of Drugs, Abuse of Alcohol by Students and Prohibition of Tobacco* as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Delete Board Policies *426.01 General Responsibilities, Duties, and Working Conditions for Contractual Employees and 503.01 Information Systems* – First Reading

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the deletion of board policies *426.01 General Responsibilities, Duties, and Working Conditions for Contractual Employees* and *503.01 Information Systems* as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *401.01 Personnel Classifications and Definitions* – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve revisions to *401.01 Personnel Classifications and Definitions* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *419.01 Fringe Benefits* – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve revisions to *419.01 Fringe Benefits* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried

FY 2024-2025 Budget – Final Reading:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the 2024-2025 Budget as present for a final reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal 2024 Fund Transfers:

It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the fund transfers as presented effective for the year ended June 30, 2024. Kent Sorenson answered Trustees' questions. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Faculty Retirement – Mathematics:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve with regret the retirement of Ron Hobson as a Professor of Mathematics effective June 30, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

FY 2025 Organizational Chart:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the FY 2025 Organizational Chart as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board move into closed session at 7:04 p.m.

Closed session concluded at 7:12 p.m.

Closed Session Minutes:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the closed session minutes of July 22, 2024. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be the Board Retreat at noon on Monday, September 23, 2024, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wiersema, Secretary