

**Sauk Valley Community College
September 22, 2025**

Action Item 5.3

Topic: **Professor of English and Education Retirement**

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:

Professor of English and Education Amanda Eichman has submitted her intent to retire effective June 1, 2026.

Amanda has contributed to the instruction at the College by utilizing new instructional techniques in her classroom. She has remarkable rapport with her class and serves on numerous committees throughout SVCC. Amanda is highly committed to providing an exceptional learning experience for her students and is one of the greatest faculty assets here at Sauk. She demands a high level of rigor from her students, but she couples that demand with warmth, humor, and a genuine passion for teaching. Amanda is highly respected by both her students and the faculty.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the retirement of Amanda Eichman as a Professor of English and Education effective June 1, 2026.

Amanda K. Eichman

September 10, 2025

Jon Mandrell, VP of Academic and Student Services
Sauk Valley Community College
173 IL Route 2
Dixon, IL 61021

Dear Dr. Mandrell:

I am writing to inform you of my intent to retire at the end of the 2025-2026 academic school year. My retirement will be effective June 1, 2026. While I am excited for what the future brings, it is bittersweet leaving behind the students and staff who have shared our lives for so long. I have always been proud that I spent the majority of my career here at Sauk Valley College, where I have been supported in my teaching and scholarship by colleagues who are wholly dedicated to student success. As anyone who works here knows, this institution is a special place that transforms the lives of its students, welcomes its employees as family, and serves its community diligently. I am grateful to have been a part of that mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda K. Eichman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amanda K. Eichman

CC: Megan Kuhn, Director of Human Resources