

Sauk Valley Community College
July 26, 2021

Action Item 4.1

Topic: Faculty Appointment – Biology

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: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Jon Mandrell

Presentation:

The administration has been in the process of hiring a Biology Faculty position. The position was advertised on-line on Sauk Valley Community College's website, *Glassdoor.com*, *Higherjobs.com*, *Indeed.com* and in Sauk Valley Media (the *Dixon Telegraph* and the *Daily Gazette*). The College received twenty-six applications, and the committee interviewed four candidates. The committee was composed of Lori Anton, Brad Smith, and Jane Verbout. Michelle Barkley, Dean of General Education and Transfer Programs, served as chair.

Academic background: Dr. Lauren Orton has a Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences and a Master of Science in Biological Sciences from Northern Illinois University. She graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Professional background: Dr. Orton has been an adjunct faculty for Aurora University and Waubesa Community College for the past year. She was a graduate teaching assistant for Northern Illinois University for six years and was employed by the Midwest Museum of Natural History for two years.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the appointment of Dr. Lauren Orton for the 2021-2022 academic year as Professor of Biology beginning August 13, 2021, at an annual base salary of \$60,763.64.