

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2021

Call to Order: Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Brian Duncan	Margaret Tyne
Danelle Burrs	Kate Boyle
Student Trustee Caitlin Cheatham	Sam Ramirez

Absent: Lisa Wiersema

Guests: Linda Osborn, Paul Osborn

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
Vice President of Academics & Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell (*remote*)
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Human Resources Director, Kathryn Snow
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
Director of Athletics, Mike Stevenson
Director of the SVC Foundation, Chris Pilling

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Ramirez that the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Cheatham voted aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich called attention to the new *Points of Pride* that were given to the Trustees, and he pointed out the new diversity, equity, inclusion shirts and encouraged each Trustee to pick up a shirt at the conclusion of the meeting.

Dr. Hellmich called on Chris Pilling who introduced Linda Osborn, a fall retiree. Chris told of Linda's many accomplishments including the Sauk Valley Foundation food bank and concluded by saying that Linda exemplifies the best of Sauk. Linda shared warm words with the Board.

Dr. Hellmich introduced Kent Sorenson, who gave a preview of 2022-2023 Tuition and Fees, indicating the College strives to maintain a low cost and quality education for our students. Kent highlighted four main categories: tuition and fees, course fees, online course fees, and dual credit fees. He presented Sauk's tuition history and noted that the considered tuition increase would be in line with bordering college districts. An increase of \$4 per credit hour is considered for FY 2023. In answer to a question from Trustee Tyne, Kent clarified that the online course fee is proposed as \$20 per credit hour. The dual-credit course fees were explained by Kent as \$50 per course.

Dr. Hellmich provided the Board with a brief COVID-19 update as to district positivity rates and vaccination rates of faculty, staff, and students. The spring semester will see all employees and students regardless of vaccination status being tested the first two weeks of the semester. In answer to a question from Trustee Burrs as to students' ability to complete classes because of the impact of the pandemic, Jon Mandrell commented that we have thus far been able to work through that and we will continue to track completion rates as this current semester's grades will be available this week. Trustee Duncan commended Dr. Hellmich on the way the COVID-19 situation has been handled by the College.

Next, Dr. Hellmich gave a brief update on the Higher Learning Commission's November visit and provided Trustees with the preliminary report in which he highlighted qualitative accolades.

Dr. Hellmich provided an update on strategic planning and thanked each Trustee for meeting with him and providing her or his feedback as to the strategic planning process. He presented feedback that Joe Strabala-Bright received from his staff and faculty planning sessions.

Dr. Jon Mandrell introduced Director of Athletics, Mike Stevenson, who told the Board how a group of Sauk athletes helped with tear down after the recent funeral service of Fire Captain Garrett Ramos. Mike commended the group for "doing the right thing" as they worked selflessly in the middle of finals week to move chairs and bleachers at the Westwood complex in Sterling. He emphasized that this group of young adults exemplified being servant leaders.

Chris Pilling told the Board that the Sauk Valley College Foundation has reached out to the Ramos family and offered \$500 scholarships for both of Captain Ramos's daughters to be used at any time; the certificates will not expire and a record will be kept in the Foundation office.

Reports/Comments from Board Members:

Student Trustee Report: Caitlin Cheatham provided the Board with a view of upcoming events: the *Big Red Chair* photo booth will be held on January 18; *Build a Bear* on January 19; SGA officers meet with Dr. Hellmich on January 24; *Pizza with the Prez* will be held on January 26; and *Spring Sauk Fest* will be held on February 2, 2022.

Foundation Report: Chris Pilling gave the Foundation report and told the group the *Chocolate Rendezvous* February event will be cancelled for 2022. The Foundation will offer *Days of Giving* in April for sponsors and donors to contribute and receive name recognition. Chris said the Impact Program campaign will be at 40% of their goal by January 1, 2022. She also reported the new Foundation board members are Dr. Kelly Mandrell, Laura Oquendo, Aaron Young, and Suzanne Ravlin.

ICCTA Report: Chair Thompson reported ICCTA has a lobby day the first week of February; visits to the hill will be limited but can be arranged. ICCTA Board of Representatives will meet on February 7 in Washington, D.C.

2021-2024 Academic Calendar Modification:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Boyle the Board approve the modification to the academic calendar for 2021-2024. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Cheatham voted aye. Motion carried.

Radiologic Technology C-Arm Equipment Purchase:

It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the RadTech Program's purchase of a refurbished C-Arm imaging machine with a maximum purchase amount of \$50,000 to be paid from funding bond proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Cheatham voted aye. Motion carried.

CDL Tuition Adjustment:

It was moved by Member Boyle and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the increase for CDL tuition and fees to \$4,920 beginning with the spring 2022 term. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Cheatham voted aye. Motion carried.

2021 Tax Levy: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Burrs the Board adopt the attached resolution regarding the 2021 aggregate levy for the following amounts: Education \$5,017,000 (Fund 01); Operations & Maintenance (Fund 02) \$615,000; Additional Tax (Fund 01) \$322,000; Protection, Health & Safety (Fund 03) \$900,000; Liability, Protection & Settlement (Fund 12) \$90,000; Social Security/Medicare (Fund 12) \$160,000; and Audit (Fund 11) \$50,000. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Cheatham voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session: It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Duncan to move into closed session at 6:54 p.m. for purposes of 120/2(c)(1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and 120/2(c)(21) – Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Cheatham vote aye. Motion carried. Closed Session began at 6:54 p.m.

Closed Session concluded at 7:04 p.m.

Adjournment: Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Chair Thompson that the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Cheatham voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m., on January 24, 2022, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary