

**Sauk Valley Community College
December 16, 2024**

Action Item 5.6

Topic: **Mathematics Faculty Resignation**

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 Scott VanZuiden has submitted his intent to retire as a Professor of Mathematics from Sauk Valley Community College effective May 31, 2025. Scott is a very nurturing and caring instructor. His dedication to working with students at varying levels is apparent in his personal and individualized instructional strategies. Scott is well-organized and collaborative and fosters peer-to-peer instruction. His attention to creating a supportive learning environment for students is special. Sauk's math department is a much richer group and the instructional quality is always raised because of Scott's superb instruction. We thank Scott for his service and dedication to SVCC, our community, and our students.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the retirement of Scott VanZuiden as a Professor of Mathematics effective May 31, 2025

December 3, 2024

Scott A. VanZuiden

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Dr. Jonathon Mandrell, Vice President of Academics & Student Services
Dr. Patrice Hess, Dean of Transfer Programs & Academic Support
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Dear Dr. Mandrell and Dr. Hess:

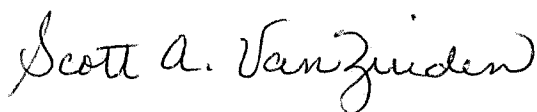
After much thought and reflection, I am writing to announce my decision to retire as a Professor of Mathematics at *Sauk Valley Community College* at the end of the 2024-2025 academic year. My last day of employment will be May 31, 2025. It has been an extraordinary journey, filled with meaningful connections, incredible growth, and the joy of being part of an academic community that values learning and innovation.

Throughout my years as an adjunct and later as a full-time faculty member, I have had the privilege of teaching, mentoring, and working alongside talented colleagues and inspiring students. Witnessing the transformation and success of so many students has been one of the greatest rewards of my career. I am deeply grateful for the relationships I have built, the lessons I have learned, and the opportunity to contribute to Sauk's mission.

As I prepare for this next chapter, I look forward to exploring new passions, spending more time with family and friends, and pursuing other opportunities where I can continue to make a positive impact. While I am excited about the future, leaving this role is undeniably bittersweet. Over the years, my life has been enriched in countless ways, and I will always treasure the many memories created at *Sauk*.

I remain committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will be here to assist in any way I can as the academic year comes to a close. I look forward to staying connected in new ways and celebrating all the wonderful achievements that lie ahead for this institution and its community.

Warm regards,



Scott A. VanZuiden

cc: Dr. Dave Helmich, President
Kathryn Snow, Human Resources