

Sauk Valley Community College
January 27, 2025

Action Item 4.6

Topic: English Faculty 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 Karen Abele has submitted her intent to retire as Assistant Professor II of English effective June 1, 2025. Karen has great enthusiasm and engages with all of the students. She truly cares that the students are successful and has demonstrated that caring through her comments on their graded assignments, answers to their questions, and overall positive attitude in class. Her faculty-to-student rapport is exceptional and students demonstrate an atmosphere of comfort and respect. Karen is an excellent professor, and Sauk Valley Community College is fortunate to have her. We thank Karen for her service and dedication to SVCC, our community, and our students.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the retirement of Professor Karen Abele as Assistant Professor II of English effective June 1, 2025.

Kathryn Snow
Director of Human Resources
Sauk Valley Community College
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January 15, 2025

Dear Kathryn,

I am writing to announce my intention to retire on June 1, 2025. My decision to retire has been a difficult one as I still love teaching, but the time seems right to finish my career at Sauk Valley Community College after twelve years as an adjunct faculty member and ten additional years as a full-time member of the English department. It has been an honor to work with the administration, my fellow faculty members and the staff at Sauk, and I appreciate their kindness, professionalism and support. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of the college's mission to serve the students of the Sauk Valley.

Sincerely,


Karen Abele