

**Sauk Valley Community College
March 18, 2024**

Action Item 4.3

Topic: Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award

College Health Metric: Human Resources – The College hires qualified employees and provides competitive benefits to attract and retain faculty and staff; departments provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.

Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich, Dr. Jon Mandrell, Sasha Logan, and Sarah McFarlane

Presentation:

Sherry Dimmig is SVCC’s Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award winner and is being nominated for the 2024 ICCTA Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award.

Educational and professional background: Sherry is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was an employee of SVCC from 1991 to 2000 as an adjunct faculty member teaching English. From 1994 to 2002, she was employed by Roosevelt University as a program advisor for the Dixon Correctional Center. She returned to SVCC in 2010 as an adjunct faculty member in Adult Education.

Comments from Nomination: Sherry was instrumental in helping the department to transition to a new ELA/ESL curriculum. She has helped to review various curricula. She also completed the ESL Standards Proficient Instructor course to help train ESL faculty on how to best utilize the new standards-based curriculum.

An issue we experienced in our GED program is that we typically have students enroll who struggled in the K-12 system. These students feel uncertain and anxious when starting our GED prep program. To calm this uncertainty, Sherry explains to students what they can expect in her class. She expects a lot from her students, but this high expectation does not scare her students because she takes the time to get to know them so she can fully understand their academic strengths as well as the areas they need to improve. Many students have commented that Sherry’s GED class is unlike what they experienced in high school. They can feel how much Sherry cares about them and they know that she is there to help them. She turns a challenging situation into a success.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the nomination of Sherry Dimmig for the 2024 ICCTA Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award.