

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. and the following members answered roll call:

Brian Duncan	Danelle Burrs
Margaret Tyne	Tom Demmer
Sam Ramirez	Student Trustee James Curl
Lisa Wiersema	

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
Dean of Health Professions, Pam Eubanks
Assistant Professor, Simulation Clinical, Kim Cole
Director of Athletics, Mike Stevenson
Head Cross-Country Coach, Nick Hartz
Head Volleyball Coach, Jay Howell
Stewardship Coordinator, Angela Delhotal
Executive Assistant to Academics, Wendy Rienstra
Marketing Manager, Jim Grot
SVC Foundation Intern, Lindsay Good

Guests: George Howe, Shaw Media

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

President's Report: Dr. David Hellmich asked Dr. Jon Mandrell to introduce Mike Stevenson, Nick Hartz, and Jay Howell, along with the student-athletes being recognized. Mike commented on the recognition that these qualified athletes deserve and the academic achievements of each student-athlete.

Dr. Hellmich recognized Dr. Lori Cortez and her *Chocolate Rendezvous* Committee for their great work on the February 15 event. Lori thanked each of her committee members for their hard work. The Trustees who attended mentioned the highlights of their evening.

Dr. Mandrell introduced Pam Eubanks and Kim Cole who gave a Health Professions update highlighting the ACEN accreditation, the NCLEX pass rates, ADN and LPN end-of-program learning outcomes, and health professions enrollment, retention, and graduate rates. Pam concluded with a glimpse of what is new in health professions.

Dr. Hellmich provided an overview of the Follett Equitable Access Program including student access to materials, optional participation in the program, and the proposed pricing of \$27,50 per credit hour. This will be an action item at the March board meeting.

Dr. Hellmich mentioned John Berge, CPA, a Sauk alumnus and local CPA who is dedicated to working with SVCC business and accounting students as this year's recommended choice for the Honorary Degree.

Reports/Comments from Board Members and the SVC Foundation:

Student Trustee James Curl reported on recent activities including *Spring Sauk Fest*, the Erika Gilchrist presentation, laser tag, and the SAC meeting on February 14. He provided an overview of the recent SGA meeting and mentioned upcoming events including March informational presentations for students and the spring blood drive on Monday, March 31.

Dr. Cortez reported on the points of pride: the CDL program, the Pakistani trip, and the Polo Impact Challenge. She reported the Impact Program has been selected to be part of Sterling Federal Bank's 2025 Charity Challenge. Lori will follow up and let folks know when and how often they may vote for the Impact Program for a chance for the program to be gifted \$20,000.

Chair Thompson reported he and Trustee Tyne traveled to Washington, D.C. for the annual ACCT conference. Bob mentioned several recent ICCTA and ACCT meetings he attended as a result of the recent directives of the new White House administration, specifically mentioning TRIO was at the forefront. He said Governor Pritzker has announced his support for community college baccalaureate degrees and further that ICCTA has a grant of \$70,000 to study the degree.

Trustee Tyne reported she met with others on issues involving the taxing of access funds refunded to students from Pell grants and continuing to push for the TRIO program. Margaret commented on time spent with Representative Eric Sorensen as well as Senators Duckworth and Durbin.

Chair Thompson commented that the next ACCT Governance Leadership Institute is in Hawaii in March for anyone wanting to get involved with ACCT.

Dr. Hellmich spoke briefly on the recent “Dear Colleague” letter received from the U.S. Department of Education, saying he has been in several recent meetings on issues affecting community colleges and gaining insight and advice from other community college presidents as well as AACC folks. Dave stressed the College will continue to follow its mission, vision, and values. He and Cabinet members are analyzing SVCC’s practices so he can certify compliance with state and federal requirements.

Delete Board Policy
424.01 Tutorial Courses
Policy – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board delete Board Policy *424.01 Tutorial Courses Policy*, as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *407.02*
Professor Emeritus Rank –
Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy *407.02 Professor Emeritus Rank* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *427.01*
Sexual Harassment Policy
– Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy *427.01 Sexual Harassment Policy* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *428.01*
Intellectual Property –
Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy *428.01 Intellectual Property* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *507.02*
Archives – First Reading:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy *507.02 Archives* as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

2025-2026 Tuition and Fee Adjustments:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the tuition and fees as presented for academic terms beginning after July 1, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

2025-2026 Full-Time Faculty Appointments:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the full-time faculty appointments for 2025-2026 as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried. Dr. Mandrell answered questions.

Public Bid Action – 2025 2nd Floor Renovation Project:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Duncan the Board accept the bid from Nicam Construction LLC of Freeport, Illinois with a bid amount of \$1,899,000 for the SVCC 2025 2nd Floor Renovation Project to be paid by restricted use Funding Bond Proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Purchase Approval – Employee and Student Lending Laptops:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the purchase of 40 laptops through contract IPHEC2011 with \$52,760.00 paid to Paragon Micro from restricted use bond proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Curl advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary