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## **For Immediate Release**

(Ullin, IL) On March 1, 2021, The Board of Trustees of Shawnee Community College held its regular monthly meeting on the main campus. In addition to general business, Trustees were presented with several topics for consideration, which included adopting tuition and universal fee rates for FY22. The rates include extending in-district tuition to border counties in Kentucky (Ballard, Livingston, and McCracken) and Missouri (Cape, Mississippi, New Madrid, and Scott.) These changes will be effective at the start of the Summer 2021 semester. Currently, the College's tuition and universal fee rates are:

- In-District - \$125 per-credit-hour (waived for residents 60 and over.)
- Out-of-District - \$188 per-credit-hour
- Out-of-State & International - \$209 per-credit-hour
- Technology Fee - \$15 per-credit-hour
- Online Course Fee - \$30
- Interactive Video Course Fee - \$30

The Board unanimously decided to adopt the recommendation and research provided by Shawnee Community College President, Dr. Timothy Taylor. Additionally, the Board also adopted new course fee rates which included faculty and administrators' input as presented and recommended for FY22. The changes will be effective with the start of the Fall 2021 semester and include the following:

- Fees for 195 courses are recommended to be the same as FY21 fees (i.e., no increase).
- Five-course fees are recommended for elimination.
- Twenty (20) courses have recommended fee increases in FY22.

All courses with a recommended fee increase have a verified cost accounting rationale.

Trustees also approved matched funding for HVAC upgrades in several locations on the Main Campus. The project was classified as a PHS project which authorizes the use of PHS restricted Maintenance funds rather than operations funds for project matching. Additionally, The Board approved the purchase of communications equipment (Polycom) from SKC for \$384,144.68 and non-Polycom equipment from CDWG for \$97,108.79. The activities and equipment purchased through grant funding include:

- Installing distance learning equipment at each high school located in the College's service area.
- Installing five new distance learning labs at the College's Main Campus.
- Upgrading the College's current distance learning and ITV labs for all locations.
- Adding three mobile labs to the SCC Library study rooms.
- Adding communication firewall protection for ITV calls.
- Providing miscellaneous upgrades to all traditional classrooms at all SCC locations.

The Board of Trustees approved the PPP Loan Forgiveness Application, authorized the submission of the application to SBA, ratified part-time employment hires, and approved the hiring of Dr. April Teske as the new SCC Director of Institutional Research, Effectiveness & Planning.

The next board meeting will be a Special Board Meeting, scheduled for March 22, 2021, at 5:30 pm to review and accept the Colleges FY20 Financial Audit. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, April 5, at 5:30 pm in the River Room for the Trustees and via Zoom for the public

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