

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:03 pm

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: President Mary-Rita Moore, Shelley Tiwari, Purva DeVol, Ty Perkins, Hilary Meyer, Kurian Tharakunnel, Colleen Rockafellow, Mary Wink, Shekinah Lawrence, Michael Flaherty, Ernest Davis, Maria Solorio

Council Members Absent: Joe Klinger, Journey Manuel

Others Present: Brenda Jones Watkins, Susan Campos, Hunter Stuckmeyer, Paul Jensen, Jodi Koslow-Martin, Tina Lilly, Julia Willis, Jason Lemburg, Mel Loucks, Brent Damsz, Ian Torres, Katie Rullo, Lorena Gasca, Michael Garrity, Susan Rohde, Justyna Koc, Christopher Clem, Panos Hadjimitsos, Denise Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hilary Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular College Council meeting of December 18, 2023, seconded by Colleen Rockafellow. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY - Hilary Meyer

DEI shared on February 22nd from 12-1 pm, Roosevelt Middle School Band will perform musical selections by Black composers in the Student Center Cafeteria, followed by a food reception. A notice will be on the Triton website regarding a host of activities commemorating Black History Month.

In Guided Pathways, Shelley shared the Building & Sustaining Success for Our Students slides which were presented by the president during last week's Faculty Workshop. Members were asked to reflect on how the areas they represent align with one or more of the Guided Pathways pillars.

From Research, the 2023 Fact Book has been published and is available on the webpage and portal under Research. The ICCB Program Review schedule and templates will be rolled out in the next couple of weeks. Academic programs as well as other non-academic area programs are reviewed every 5 years.

In Academic Affairs, Business & Technology welcomed new Dean, Panos Hadjimitsos and Associate Dean, Justyna Kohtz. The Spring 2024 Adjunct & Faculty Workshop was held last week with a presentation on AI and ChatGPT. Administrators also attended the presentations.

The Arts and Sciences department is looking to hire additional faculty for their programs.

Purva DeVol is serving as interim dean of Adult Education. They show high enrollment and high retention rates from last semester. They are continuing to hire more instructors.

Continuing Education has reached its 10th day goal and is still counting enrollment numbers. New vocational programs are coming out, such as Broadcasting. They are also working on grant-funded opportunities during Spring break and Summer camps.

Student Affairs has had strong enrollment for several weeks. Retention alerts have been revised this Spring, based on faculty input in the Fall.

SEED graduation was held on January 10. Twelve students graduated and received a certificate from the School of Continuing Education as well as a medallion. SEED classes began January 17 for Spring 2024, ten students are enrolled.

Information Technology reports that A building Colleague servers were physically updated during the holiday break. The 911 system was also updated during the holiday break. 20 new interactive flat panels have replaced older smartboards. Copiers are now running on the latest version of Uniflow software, named CanonSecurePrint.

Ongoing Projects:

A meeting will take place tomorrow with American Digital (HP vendor) regarding the M building virtual server environment hardware.

Meetings have been held with Ellucian regarding the requisition approval process.

End of year processing of W-2s, 1098Ts, 1099s will be completed by the end of the month for mailings.

Working on piloting the Barracuda Phishline email testing and training with hopes of doing a campus-wide test during the month of February.

A subcommittee is reviewing the refund policy.

Due to some staff not receiving the weather update, the latest HR file has been rebuilt and loaded in the RAVE system.

ACADEMIC SENATE - Dr. Michael Flaherty

The last Academic Senate meeting of the fall semester held a vote regarding the Faculty Observation Evaluation Form proposed by the Professional Development Committee; the vote to approve the form did not pass and further discussion was recommended. In addition, Senators will review the faculty self-assessment form in the spring. .

STUDENT SUCCESS - Shelley Tiwari

Brent Damsz gave a presentation on the purpose of placement testing. This presentation included a chart of the different tests administered at Triton, the candidates that the placement test are for and where the test could be taken. Accuplacer, the platform used to administer tests, has specified parameters and sections for Triton, to find the measures for each student. Brent also informed the council about Examity and the purpose it holds, safeguarding the legitimacy of online testing.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic plan presentations of Goal 2 and Goal 3 mid-year progress when given.

Julia Willis presented Goal 2 Action Plan 1 and how we can broaden employee knowledge and student resources. The student handbook should have updates on the way and a quick-look resource guide should be in the works to better inform students of the campus resources and where to find them. The committee is also looking for better ways to get different departments to share information with each other and engage in more social events together.

Colleen Rockafellow presented Goal 2 Action Plan 2 and how we can strengthen cross departmental communication. Surveys were used to understand if employees would like this and how they would like it done.

Hilary Meyer presented Goal 3 Action Plan 1 which focuses on neurodiversity. The goal of the committee is to educate employees on ways to assist neurodiverse students. She mentioned how the S.E.E.D. program should update its eligibility to a broader range to include students who don't meet the criteria but still need the extra assistance when it comes to learning. The committee is working in conjunction with the Library on the Wayfinding Project. The premise is to set up the library in a way that the environment can assist in the focus of getting work done without the need for assistance and can this be mirrored in other parts of the campus to help students study efficiently.

Paul Jensen presents Goal 3 Action Plan 2 where the committee focuses on ways to accelerate accreditation advancement for adults. There are suggestions of redesigning the Back to College for Adults webpage to reduce clutter with a more straightforward design with education options displayed. The committee is also discussing Prior Learning Assessment and how it can be made easier to determine what adults already know. He mentioned if there is a way to administer competency-based learning, what can adults master in class or what adults have already master from the workforce, can this help in getting adults degrees or certificates faster.

NEXT MEETING

The next College Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Flaherty made a motion and Hilary Meyer seconded. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.