

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called the meeting to session at 2:03 p.m. in B-204.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Ernest Davis, Purva DeVol, Michael Flaherty, Humberto Espino, Michael Henson, Joe Klinger, Lakedra Love, Hilary Meyer, Ty Perkins, Whitney Romero, Shelley Tiwari, Kurian Tharakunnel, Mary Wink.

Others Present: Naidelin Alvarez, Susan Campos, Julio Delgado, Paul Jensen, Denise Jones, Dubravka Juraga, Jodi Koslow Martin, Brenda Jones Watkins, Marylou Murphy, Brice Ntone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Meyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flaherty, to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of August 29. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS: None

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. Tharakunnel highlighted two new programs: one in partnership with Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, and the other - with the Women of the Shield Academy. He also reported that, while the number of ESL students has increased significantly, there is a big drop in GED enrollment. He recapped great events recognizing both Hispanic and Latino heritage that are taking place across campus through October 15. As for Student Affairs, a Federal Work Study Scholarship Workshop is scheduled for September 20. A new student app TimelyMD, that provides mental and physical health support for students, is on a soft launch. The official launch is scheduled for October.

A donation of 70 grow lab containers for our Cannabis program has also been received.

In the area of technology, Dr. Tharakunnel reported that added into Colleague was the ability to see curricular information and the college advisors received training. The fall semester was the first term using wait listing – four courses were set up as a pilot for fall.

Elucian Experience will be replacing our portal and our mobile app. President Moore noted that Associate Vice President of Information Systems Mike Garrity will join the College Council in October to present a comprehensive report on the new dashboard software.

Dr Tharakunnel will present an extensive report of the Student Satisfaction Survey at the next meeting (the report is already posted on our website).

ACADEMIC SENATE

Dr. Flaherty reported that temporary certificates in electrical and welding are now permanent. He also mentioned the change in naming convention – RHT to English Rhetoric and Composition I and II.

As for Academic Support, the Board Policy 6080 for CAAS is under review – looking to refer to the webpage instead of wording for continuous changes of information.

Dr. Flaherty mentioned that Academic Senate, in addition to the committee previously formed, will begin to review the late registration policy. In terms of Assessment, the committee is currently evaluating Quantitative Literacy

2022-2023 and finalizing Faculty Assessment Fellows. As for the OETC, 18 online courses are now in pilot form.

Finally, the Senate is looking at a bylaw change allowing clarification of Technology East and West. The proposed change would allow a non-Senate member to chair a committee if their Senate representative was already a chair.

STUDENT SUCCESS: No updates

NEW BUSINESS

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Events

Dr. DeVol gave a brief presentation on DEI projects, initiatives, and goals. She mentioned a new resource - a webpage that has been created to support and highlight the college's DEI efforts. A new email account DEI@triton.edu has also been created to promote DEI ideas and activities, and to embed positive practices on campus. As the Hispanic Heritage Month is upon us, Dr. DeVol highlighted events that have been scheduled for the Triton College community. She commended Johnny Urbina who was instrumental in planning the Hispanic Heritage Month, with the activities that are both student centered and employee & community focused. Just to name a few, "La Loteria Y Artesania" on September 15, "Gingarte Capoeira" and "World Music Series" on October 12. All Hispanic Heritage Month events are listed on our website <https://www.triton.edu/hispanicheritage>, with the exact date, time, and location.

Student Loan Forgiveness

Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs Jodi Koslow Martin discussed the Student Loan Forgiveness initiative pointing out that, in large part, this is the issue of four-year institutions. She stated that we have low numbers of borrowers; less than 2 percent of our students take out loans because our price point is low. We, as a community college, are more affordable. Data shows that those of our students who do take out loans, pay them back. VP Koslow Martin also briefly spoke about the government loan forgiveness plan that has been announced to offer targeted debt relief as part of a comprehensive effort to address the burden of growing college costs and to make the student loan system more manageable for current and future borrowers. If all the borrowers claim the relief they are entitled to, the plan will provide relief to almost 45 million borrowers.

Progress Update on Class Cancellation Plans

Vice President of Academic Affairs Susan Campos reported that the committee (including faculty members, deans, and senior administrators) has been formed to discuss class cancellation plans, a topic that requires ongoing conversations. No primary decisions have been made yet.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of College Council is on October 17, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

OTHER

President Moore reported that we are in search of a new representative for the mid-managers group. We expect to have one in place at our next meeting in October.

Mr. Romero shared that Triton College Student Association and Phi Theta Kappa (Chi Zeta Chapter) are proud to support Make-A-Wish and their work in our community. Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illness. To support the fundraiser, you can join their team or cheer them on at Lincoln Park Zoo on Sunday, October 16, 2022, 10 a.m. to noon (registration at 9:00 a.m.), or make a donation at <http://site.wish.org/goto/TritonCollege>.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.