CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Michael Flaherty called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

Members Present: Liz Brindise, Christina Brophy, Sue Campos, Mary Casey-Incardone, Marianna Desmond, Kathi Derensinski, Michael Flaherty, Rebecca Fournier, Julie Gilbert, Bob Greenwald, Dubravka Juraga, Jacqueline Mullany, Peggy Murnighan, Shelley Tiwari, Sylvia Sztark and Barbara Zak

Adjunct Representative: John Cadero

College Council Functional Committee Additions:

Ex-Officio Members: Cheryl Antonich, Patricia Granados, Doug Olson, Stu Sikora and Shakana Kirksey

Guests: Deborah Baness King, Susan Collins, Brenda Jones-Watkins, Lindsey Westley, Adrian Fisher, Virginia Cabasa-Hess, Mary-Rita Moore, Quincy Martin, Amanda Turner, Mary Ann Olson, Mary Ann Tobin, Corey Williams Marie-Ange Zicher and Izabela Zurawski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: ♦ Christina Brophy made a motion to accept the minutes of May 8, 2012, seconded by Mary Ann Tobin. ♦ Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. College Curriculum: Susan Campos directed Senate to College Curriculum Meeting and Deadline dates which can be found on the website at http://www.triton.edu/Utility.aspx?pageid=524&id=15397&terms=college%20curriculum. College Curriculum boot camps are now scheduled on September 12, 2012 and October 18, 2012 at 12:30pm in Room E210. You can register to attend at http://www.triton.edu/CTE

B. Academic & Scholastic Standards: Julie Gilbert informed Senate that their subcommittee have not met this semester but will meet regarding a policy that they would like to submit. Dr. Amanda Turner and Julie Gilbert are asking for a vote regarding the proposed amendments to the Acceptance of Academic Credit Policy#5265. The vote is to recommend this policy change to the President.

Dr. Flaherty commented that the students need to be able to present evidence that they have acquired the credit(s) based on their coursework. While Mary Casey-Incardone remarked that other schools are accepting less although we are reducing the number of allowable credit hours. Christina Brophy recommended that we stay within our residency requirement. Peggy Murnighan said that enrollment and tuition costs are certainly factors.

President Granados stated that our primary goal is to help our students finish what they started. Although money will be lost our focus should be still what is best for our students. We do need to know the numbers but our students are our main concern.
Dr. Flaherty also mentioned that Higher Learning Commission rule 15 is efficient enough. We tend to receive a lot of students requesting approval of previous credit courses that they have taken, so we need to monitor it more by actually reviewing it more carefully before approving.

After receiving feedback from Senate based on what was presented Dr. Turner and Julie Gilbert will meet again to address those concerns and at a later date present those changes again to Academic Senate.

President Granados recommended that the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) could be used as a vehicle to help others to understand more clearly to avoid any issues later on. Mary Ann Tobin suggested that once the policy has been passed CTE would offer a workshop.

**C. Student Development:** Mary Casey-Incardone stated that their subcommittee have not met this semester but plan to meet very soon.

**D. Academic Support:** Bob Greenwald mentioned that their subcommittee will meet on October 1, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. in the Center for Excellence.

**E. Marketing:** Mike McGuire advised Senate that their subcommittee will resume their regularly scheduled monthly meetings starting next week.

**F. Quality of Life:** Jacqueline Mullany (for Kathi Deresinski) informed Senate that their subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

**G. Professional Development:** Peggy Murnighan mentioned that she received 71 responses thus far and that their subcommittee is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 20, 2012.

**H. Assessment:** Dr. Flaherty spoke on behalf of Larry Manno that their subcommittee has not met at this time.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Learning Communities:** No one was available to present at this time.

Dr. Flaherty has begun contacting guest speakers regarding how to best present to Senate while keeping people’s undivided attention.

**B. TAC:** AVP Moore spoke on behalf of Humberto Espino by sharing with Senate that their next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2012 and that their subcommittee is seeking additional members throughout the college campus. Some of the topics that plan to discuss are as follows:

1. Exploring/Advising Training Software on Smart Technology.
2. 3D Projection Technology Class pilots in the Science Department.
3. iPads and Smart Classrooms are scheduling 5 pilots in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Learning Outcomes:

Ric Segovia and Bob Greenwald presented General Education Outcomes to the Senate body in order to obtain approval once a student has completed his or her course of education at Triton.

Dr. Flaherty asked Senate’s endorsement to vote on the General Education Outcomes based on the content of the language that was presented at today’s meeting. Christina Brophy seconded the motion to accept. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Student Success: Shelley Tiwari took the opportunity to share with Senate that today is sort of a kickoff of our student success work for this year. She has accepted the role of Achieving the Dream (ATD) Coordinator/Director this past summer. Shelley will be serving as the faculty liaison for student success working primarily with AVP of Strategic planning and the newly reestablished data team as well as other departments throughout college. Her role is to help the college develop and implement campus plans that support our Achieving the Dream or student success goals.

The data team has been working on ensuring that the Achieving the Dream website is current. http://www.triton.edu/About.aspx?pageid=230&LangType=1033&id=14372&terms=atd

This will give our student success work some structure since the data team has been reestablished, whose role is to develop and communicate data on student success; to help with establishing and promoting a culture of evidence and, to evaluate our Atd or student success initiatives. The data team has already met twice, has understood their role and responsibility and they have also started reviewing and updating our old work plan that was established at the beginning of our Atd journey.

If you would like to provide any input or to get involved in anything related to the student success work, please contact Shelly Tiwari at studentsuccess@triton.edu. Every month she will provide Senate with updates regarding their student success work.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 21st Century Commission Report: AVP Antonich shared with Senate that the 21st Century Commission Report is sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges with support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Kresge Foundation, ACT and Educational Testing Service. We need to have broader dialogue from within an institutional level as it relates to faculty and any thoughts that you may have regarding the report.
Academic Senate Report  
September 11, 2012

On September 18, 2012 there will be a College Hour dedicated to discuss this at great length. How can we ensure that the faculty voice is heard?

AVP Martin commented that Student Affairs Leadership Team held their meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012 which was comprised of Academic and Student Affairs Administrators as well as the Deans in order to further discuss this initiative to help move Triton along. The report will also be distributed to the Full-Time/Part-Time Faculty to ensure we are all on the same page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AVP Mary-Rita Moore announced that Marge Stabile will be retiring effective on Friday, September 14, 2012 so please stop by to offer farewell wishes to her on a Happy Retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Dr. Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 3:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: 

Rosa Parker, Secretary

Minutes Approved: 

Michael Flaherty, Senate Chairperson