

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Moore called the meeting to session at 2:04 p.m. in B-204.

### **ATTENDEES**

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

Council Members Absent: Michael Henson, Whitney Romero, Mary Wink

Others Present: Sandra Berryhill, Susan Campos, Michael Garrity, Mary Casey-Incardone, Denise Jones, Shekinah Lawrence, Jacqueline Lynch, Jodi Koslow Martin, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester, Will White, Julia Willis

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Meyer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flaherty, to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of October 17, as amended. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

**HOT TOPICS:** None

### **OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Dr. Tharakunnel reported that there is a new coffee vending machine in the Library and the official launch will be held in December. Robotics for Youth, a free family event, was held on November 12. In collaboration with three community colleges, Men of Color event was also held on our campus. In the area of Business and Facilities, Dr. Tharakunnel reported that the Financial Aid Office is helping students with the Federal Study Loan Forgiveness application process. The Cernan Center is getting ready for a number of events that have been scheduled across campus to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of Apollo 17 (the moon rock exhibit is one of them). Thirty families participated in the FAFSA night event on October 19. The food pantry is available on campus. As for Technology, numerous projects are currently running: wait listing, curriculum mapping, and CRM Advise-TULIO integration, just to name a few. Athletics reported an increase in use of facilities by students as well as an increase of facilities rentals. In the area of Research, 10<sup>th</sup> Day Report as well as updated Triton College Fact Sheet and Fact Book are available on our portal.

### **ACADEMIC SENATE**

Dr. Flaherty reported that the Academic Senate did not meet last Tuesday due to the campus closure (November 8, 2022 Election Day). The meeting is to be held on Tuesday, November 15 via Blackboard and an update will be provided to the College Council at the next regular meeting on December 12.

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Julia Willis, Dean of Students, and Denise Jones, Dean of Retention and Student Engagement, provided an update on TRIUMPH and SURGE, Triton College retention programs that support minority students on their paths to academic and personal growth. In their presentation, Ms. Willis and Ms. Jones addressed some of the questions like:

- How do we create the sense of belonging on campus?
- How do we impact retention and completion rates?
- How do we support students with different backgrounds and experiences and make them successful?
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They further explained that TRIUMPH, created in Spring of 2014, is a grant and institutional funded program that provides academic support, one-on-one mentoring, assistance in transitioning to a four-

year institution or into the workforce, and other services to male minority students. SURGE, following the success of TRIUMPH, was designed in Fall of 2017 through a grant from the ICCB and provides similar resources to Women of Color. The membership requirements include the following:

- You have to identify as a woman or man of color;
- You have to be enrolled in six credit hours (minimum);
- You have to be in good academic standing.

The Triton College retention program model has expanded to provide mentoring and academic services to minority students at other community colleges (Waubensee Community College, Elgin Community College, and Kennedy-King College). The work continues as the college is trying to secure additional funding for both programs to make them even more successful and available to a broader community of minority students.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Dr. DeVol provided an overview of the HLC Comprehensive Evaluation Reaffirmation of Accreditation (ROA) process that accredited institutions undergo every ten years. She explained that Triton College submits an "Assurance Argument" documenting evidence of continuing to meet the 5 Criteria for Accreditation. All employees will have multiple opportunities to get involved and provide feedback. It is a collaborative effort and the information will be shared campus-wide with the aim of preparing the college for a successful HLC visit. The visit from HLC reviewers will be on February 5 and 6 of 2024 and involves meetings with a number of stakeholders (faculty and staff, students, select committees and administrators, President, Board of Trustees, and accreditation liaison) More information (timeline, stages, core components, objectives, how to get involved) can be found on the accreditation portal site.

### Portal & Mobile App Replacement

Michael Garrity, AVP of Information Systems, gave an overview of Ellucian Experience - a single platform software replacing the Ellucian Portal and Mobile Application. Mr. Garrity further confirmed that we will be able to use the portal and mobile application until FY 2024 (June 30, 2023), which will allow us to build out and cut over to the Experience platform. With Ellucian Experience we will gain more functionality - everything our students, faculty, and staff need in one place. Changes to expect before 2023:

- WebAdvisor replaced by Self Service;
- Staff/Student Portal replaced by Ellucian Experience;
- Triton College Mobile App replaced by Ellucian Experience.

Mr. Garrity will share the presentation with others to keep the campus community up to date with all impending technology changes.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of College Council is on December 12, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**OTHER:** The President announced that a dedication & naming ceremony of the Athletic Complex in honor of Dr. George Jorndt will be held on Monday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. on the East Campus (outside portion of the event followed by a reception in R-221).

## **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 3:28 p.m.