

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:10 pm

### **ATTENDEES**

Council Members Present: President Mary-Rita Moore, Purva DeVol, Michael Flaherty, Joe Klinger, Shekinah Lawrence, Jason Lemberg, Journey Manuel, Hilary Meyer, Ty Perkins, Colleen Rockafellow, Maria Solorio, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari

Council Members Absent: Mary Wink.

Others Present: Jeanette Bartley, Sandra Berryhill, Tatianne Butler, Mary Casey Incardone, Beth Dunn, Paul Jensen, Denise Jones, Jodi Koslow Martin, Mark Kouria, Jason Lemberg, Mel Loucks, Anthony Parnell, Melissa Ramirez Cooper, Carina Santos, Hunter Stuckemeyer, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Manuel made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular College Council meeting of April 1, 2024, seconded by Dr. Flaherty. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

### **HOT TOPICS**

None.

### **OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Ms. Meyer provided an update from the May Operational Assembly meeting. Academic Affairs reported increases in enrollment in both Continuing Education and Adult Education. Shekinah Lawrence has assumed the role of Library Chairperson. The Library is planning a Homeschooling Open House in June to showcase college resources available to these students and families. Retention & Engagement will be holding two Registration Rallies over the summer. Financial Aid will hold a FAFSA Alternative Application Workshop this summer, and the FAFSA simplification video is available on the Financial Aid webpage.

Human Resources reminded that the 4-Day Workweek schedule starts the week of Memorial Day, and also reminded employees to use any required PTO before the end of the fiscal year. Information Technology provided updates for ongoing projects, including that the requisition approval process has been finalized and transition to the new process is being planned. Copiers on campus will be upgraded across campus in July. An overview was given on *Project Access*, which promotes equitable dual credit opportunities to the Proviso High Schools. The grant's objective includes planning and implementing strategies to support student persistence through completion as well as improving equitable access. Research shared that newly released reports on the portal include: High School Market-Share, High School Placement, and Graduate Success.

### **ACADEMIC SENATE**

Dr. Flaherty shared highlights from the May Academic Senate meeting. The Professional Development Committee is planning the Fall Faculty Workshop, which will include a focus on AI. Beth Dunn was elected as Senate Chair for academic year 2025.

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

TRIO Student Support Services Program Director Tatianne Butler presented on the TRIO Program, which was created to support students that are first-generation, income-eligible, or have a documented disability. The program provides students with access to career and educational resources, skill-building workshops, fun campus programs, and free cultural events and trips. Funded to serve 165 students a year with criteria for their success, the college has exceeded minimum goals. 46 TRIO students graduated this spring and are moving on to many different universities. Summer plans for TRIO include increased on-campus marketing for the program, as well school visits and teambuilding events for students.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **COLLEGE COUNCIL GOAL 1**

Dr. DeVol presented on College Council Goal 1, which reads: *Council will engage in the campus-wide preparation for the HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation visit.* She highlighted the reaffirmation of accreditation given by the HLC for the next 10 years.

#### **COLLEGE COUNCIL GOAL 3**

Dr. DeVol and Mr. Perkins presented on College Council Goal 3, which reads: *Council will provide feedback on improving the student experience on campus.* The results of a survey where 66 students shared their awareness of campus programs and services were shared. Ms. Manuel and Mark Kouria, the incoming TCSA President, discussed recommendations on improving community to students.

#### **COMPLIANCE REPORTING: EQUITY PLAN**

Dr. DeVol explained the Illinois Higher Education Equity Plan & Practices which are student-centered practices designed to meet the needs and support the success of historically underserved and underrepresented students so that all students have the tools they need to succeed. The college's Baseline Equity Plan has been sent to the ICCB and work is now beginning to engage employees campus-wide in updating the plan for next year.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next College Council meeting will be held on June 17, 2024.

**OTHER**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Flaherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Myer. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 3:15p.m.