

## CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:03 p.m.

## ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Purva DeVol, Beth Dunn, Joe Klinger, Shekinah Lawrence, Jason Lemberg, Hilary Meyer, Colleen Rockafellow, Maria Solorio, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari.

Council Members Absent: Frank Alvino, Ty Perkins, Mary Wink.

Others present: Adel Almaali, Jeanette Bartley, Susan Campos, Melissa Ramirez Cooper, Julio Delgado, Lorena Gasca, Denise Jones, Justyna Kohtz, Jodi Koslow Martin, Marylou Murphy, Karina Santos, Simon Tiffen, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rockafellow made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of June 17, 2024, seconded by Dr. DeVol. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

## HOT TOPICS

None.

## OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Ms. Meyer reported that Operational Assembly met on August 19, and provided these highlights. Academic Affairs reported that the faculty workshops were successfully held. Continuing Education has started two Human Resources Certificate Online Programs through a grant. Student Affairs reported that SEED classes will begin October 14, with the program being funded institutionally for the first time, rather than being grant-funded. The library will host a *Triton Talk* this week featuring faculty member Sam Schmitz, who will discuss plants followed by a tour of the Botanical Gardens. Staff and student retention alerts are now available through the portal, and students have begun submitting alerts for themselves.

The parking lot and pavement project is complete after several issues had to be remedied, and chillers in the B and J building are being replaced. Fall Family Fun Fest will be held on Saturday, September 28. Financial Aid is holding a FAFSA Family Night and resource fairs for students. Auditors are on campus conducting the annual audit, and planning has begun for the FY 26 budget. Crosswalk signs are being updated across campus.

The requisition approval process will go into production after the August Board meeting. Most of the Canon copier replacements have been completed. Colleague direct-deposit for students was enabled this summer. The Heritage Planning committee is planning events for Hispanic Heritage Month and Italian Heritage Month. The Annual Equity Plan, which is part of our

Strategic Plan, is open for employee engagement. Those interested in being involved with the plan should contact Dr. Purva DeVol.

Research reported that TRAC, the online platform that disseminates data, dashboards, and reports, has migrated to a new platform – Tableau Cloud. Full-time Faculty will now have the ability to utilize TRAC. The 2024 CCSSE survey has been completed and reports are available on the portal. The Community College Survey of Student Engagement measures student engagement compared with other community colleges, and is discussed later in this meeting. The SENSE Survey (Survey of Entering Student Engagement) will be administered in September. Lastly, the Operational Assembly is in the process of finalizing its annual goals.

#### **ACADEMIC SENATE**

Ms. Dunn was welcomed as the new Chair of Academic Senate. She reported that the first meeting of Academic Senate this semester will be September 10. There are three senate subcommittee chair positions open: Assessment, Professional Development, and Online Education & Technology.

#### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs Jodi Koslow Martin provided a handout and information about the Enrollment Action Plan 2024-2025. The plan is designed around the four pillars of the Guided Pathways and is part of a larger picture on the road to 12,000 students. Dr. Koslow Martin noted that enrollment today is at 10,316, with 10<sup>th</sup> Day a week away. A key theme in the enrollment plan is communication, which needs to be individualized, accurate, and accessible, with more and more students going to the portal for information rather than the website.

Highlights of the enrollment plan include the following. Triton is going to be part of a statewide pilot adding community colleges to the Common App, a tool that students use to compare institutions. Also, an Associate in Engineering Science degree is being developed to support student success in that area, so that students can earn an Associate degree and transfer to a 4-year school. Lastly, a sustainable model for assisting students in meeting their basic needs, with initiatives such as Troy Mart and Troy Ride, is being developed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### COLLEGE COUNCIL FY 25 GOALS

Dr. DeVol led a discussion on the development of goals for College Council for the new fiscal year. Goals were drafted during Council's Annual Planning Meeting held in July, and Dr. DeVol has been gathering feedback and refining language since then. Two of the goals seem to be final.

Draft of Goal 1: Council will explore strategies for increasing student exposure in the variety of guided pathways available to them

Draft of Goal 3: Council will engage with the college's strategic plan.

Goal 2, however, which is regarding Artificial Intelligence, has gotten varied feedback with uncertainty about the outcomes, so needs to be finalized. Ideas from Council members included: using AI to support employees, enhancing practices to take advantage of AI, and looking at professional development opportunities. Ms. Dunn provided a teacher's perspective of two important aspects: policy and how to leverage AI. It was agreed that everyone brings a different perspective, and that AI would be used differently with different job responsibilities. President Moore stated that she is looking for College Council's collective thinking on the subject, both policy and practice. Dr. DeVol will continue reaching out and gathering ideas to finalize the AI goal for presentation of all three goals for approval in September.

#### CCSSE RESULTS

Dr. Tharakunnel shared the results of the Community College Survey on Student Engagement. CCSSE is a national survey that measures student engagement, with the premise that the more engaged a student is, the more successful they are. The survey was conducted on campus in 83 course sections, with 728 credit students responding from Triton. There were 456 institutions participating in the 2024 cohort. CCSSE benchmarks are: Active & Collaborative Learning, Student Effort, Academic Challenge, Student-Faculty Interaction, and Support for Learners. These benchmark scores are standardized to have a cohort mean of 50, which makes it easy to compare Triton data to the cohort. Triton's results for 2024 compared to the cohort are all under the mean, but comparing Triton's 2024 data to our 2018 data shows improvement. Dr. Tharakunnel shared that CCSSE data can be used with topics currently being worked on, and on topics gleaned from the survey results. Focus areas of interest using CCSSE data include: academic and curricular experiences, academic advising and planning, career development, education goals, peer interactions, and support services. All of the CCSSE reports are available through the employee portal. President Moore asked Council members to review the results with thoughts of what we can do as a campus community with this information.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next College Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024,  
2 – 4 pm in B-204/210.

**OTHER**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Meyer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiwari to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried  
unanimously. College Council adjourned 2:59 p.m.