

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDEES

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

Council Members Absent: Mark Kouria, Maria Solorio.

Others present: Jeanette Bartley, Susan Campos, Mary Casey-Incardone, Rob Connor, Panos Hadjimitsos, Denise Jones, Justyna Kohtz, Jodi Koslow Martin, Janet Ochieng, Alex Terrazas, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester, Nicole Zumpano.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of October 21, 2024, seconded by Dr. DeVol. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Ms. Meyer reported that Operational Assembly met on November 11, and provided these highlights. Information Technology has the new refund schedule now live for the Spring 2025 semester and is working on CRM Recruit updates. New cards in the student portal include Save \$25 on Payment Plan, and Phishing Awareness. DEI is planning for Black History Month and Women's History Month and is seeking suggestions and volunteers. TRIUMPH and SURGE are holding a holiday toy drive. Registration initiatives include rallies and holiday rush registration. Finance reported on increased spending with Minority and Women Vendors, and that the FY 26 Budget process is well underway. The website will undergo a redesign starting and concluding in 2025. This aggressive timeline is in place because of the website's importance for communication, and ideas and suggestions from the college community will be gathered during the redesign. AVP Garrity will update College Council as the project proceeds.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Ms. Dunn reported that Academic Senate met on November 12 and shared the following information. There are several new Chairs of Senate Subcommittees including: Assessment – Larry Manno; Professional Development – Gail Krahenbuhl; Campus Quality – Alec Lisec. There is currently no Chair for the Online Technology committee.

Curriculum presented some course revisions and announced due dates for course revisions next semester. Academic Support continues to explore attendance and late registration, and expressed that they want to be involved in the website redesign. Academic & Scholastic Standards is reviewing the forgiveness policy. Student Development is planning events such as Lunch & Conversation and a Blood Drive. Campus Quality and the Greening Committee are seeking supplies for the Re-Use It Room and are investigating ways for the anonymous submission of concerns. Lastly, Ms. Dunn announced that Academic Senate is converting to Blackboard Ultra over the winter break, and the meeting link will be updated for 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

This agenda item was moved up to allow for the later arrival of the Student Success presenter.

COLLEGE COUNCIL GOAL 3 – EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. DeVol distributed information about College Council Goal 3, commenting that the current Strategic Plan is in its final year, ending June 30, 2025. As the plan ends, it is time to reflect and engage the college community in what the new plan will be. The new Strategic Plan, to begin on July 1, 2025, will be developed with new committees formed and new goals and action plans. A wide range of employee engagement opportunities will be available for faculty and staff to participate in, including both in-person and virtual meetings and surveys. The timeline for engagement starts this month, November 2024 and will continue through the spring semester, when the new Strategic Plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

COLLEGE COUNCIL GOAL 2 – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Dr. DeVol commented that Council's goal related to Artificial Intelligence stresses the importance of engaging members in learning sessions. An AI video was shown, followed by a discussion among Council members about the concept of AI literacy. Points were made about the possible differences between free vs. paid artificial intelligence and the fact that different departments need different programs and tools.

STUDENT SUCCESS

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS IN CLARIFYING PATHWAYS

Dean Alexandria Terrazas provided information about Early College Programs at Triton College. These include:

- Dual Credit, where college level courses are taken at partnering high schools and students earn college and high school credits;

- Dual Enrollment, where college courses are taken on Triton’s campus and college credits earned can be used as a reverse credit for high school requirements; and
- Dual Degree, which is designed for academically eligible high school juniors and students simultaneously earn a high school diploma and associate degree.

Benefits of Early College Programs include exposure to academically rigorous courses, creating an affinity to Triton, and saving time and money toward a college education. Students completing college courses in high school are more likely to graduate high school, go to college, stay in college, and complete a college degree. Highlights of data shared include that almost 60 percent of dual credit students graduating from high school enrolled at Triton in Fall 2024. In FY 25, there are 84 dual enrollment career academy students. Dual Degree participation has grown from 4 in the class of '24, 13 in the class of '25, to 30 in the class of '26.

NEXT MEETING

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

OTHER

Happy Thanksgiving was wished to all.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rockafellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. DeVol; to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried unanimously. College Council adjourned 3:16 p.m.