Hot Topics: Antigone Sharris, engineering faculty, urged improvements to course scheduling, stressing flexibility and student-centered planning. She cited three main issues: an unengaging website, a rigid scheduling system, and outdated practices that don't reflect the needs of today's students—70% of whom are part-time and over 40% are older than 22.

Operational Assembly: Dean Meyer announced the college launched its first Engineering Science cohort; the barber/cosmetology salon was completed; and ESL registration was held off-site to improve access. Student Affairs hosted a successful Welcome Week and is preparing for the Corn Roast (Sept 17) and Movie on the Mound (Sept 26). The retention alert system is now "Student Report Referrals," and the AIM system is fully in use for accommodations. The ETRC has been dissolved, with services now provided by the library. Events are planned for Hispanic Heritage Month, and "Troy Campus Quest" was introduced to engage new students.

Academic Senate: Beth Dunn announced that all Academic Senate subcommittee chair positions have been filled. The Senate is reviewing its bylaws and will vote on creating a new subcommittee focused on AI education and policy. The first meeting of the semester is set for September 9 at 2:30 PM on Blackboard Ultra.

Student Success: Shelly Tiwari highlighted ADA compliance efforts. Nicole Zumpano shared that all digital content must be accessible by April 2026, with the college aiming for January 2026. Support includes weekly tips, workshops, lab hours, and an accessibility checklist. All are encouraged to avoid PDFs, and resources are provided for remediation. Accessibility is a shared institutional responsibility.

Old Business: Dr. DeVol shared that College Council's proposed annual goals may align with the strategic plan, focusing on improving student retention, enhancing organizational health, and leveraging technology. A tentative framework with learning sessions was presented for feedback.

New Business: Kurian Tharakunnel shared highlights from the Spring 2025 Student Satisfaction Survey, with 885 responses (10.4% rate). Overall satisfaction was 91%, and 81% were satisfied with faculty and staff. Advising, admissions, and billing showed notable improvements. New survey questions revealed 65% of students used generative AI tools, and 54% took at least one eight-week course for flexibility. Additionally, 96% would recommend Triton. The full report will be available on the research portal.

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