

Members Present: Purva DeVol, Mike Garrity, Hilary Meyer

Members Absent: Joe Klinger, Mark Kouria, Colleen Rockafellow, Katie Rullo, Kurian Tharakunnel, and Shelley Tiwari

Others Present: Dominique Dial, Christina Garcia, Lisa Huff, Toni Johnson, Denise Jones, Shekinah Lawrence, and Jason Lemberg

Meeting started at: 2:34 pm

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 10 meeting (I will ask for approval via email)

Research, Kurian Tharakunnel

- No report

Student Representative, Mark Kouria

- No report

Academic Affairs, Katie Rullo (report submitted electronically)

Continuing Education:

- Continuing Education launched the Pre-Employment and Pre-Apprenticeship (PEPA) Program, designed for students interested in manufacturing and healthcare. This initiative aims to enhance students' marketability and equip them with valuable skills before entering the workforce. PEPA is supported by the ICCB Noncredit Grant and aligns with our commitment to workforce development.
- Additionally, Spring Break marks the kickoff of our first camp of 2025 with College for Kids. We anticipate welcoming 60 students to participate in this enriching continuing education opportunity, fostering learning and engagement during the break. College for Kids provides students the opportunity to gain knowledge on our areas of studies here at Triton College.

Business and Technology:

- The Business & Technology (B&T) area recently hired two new full-time office assistants, who started in early March. These positions are based in the T-100 Dean's Office.

Arts and Sciences:

- On March 5, the Brown Bag Lunch and The Landscape, Re-Imagined gallery reception took place, showcasing an exhibition that challenges traditional views of landscape art. Attendees had the opportunity to meet the artists, engage in conversation, and explore fresh perspectives on the environment through art.
- Additionally, the Arts & Sciences department is seeking submissions for their next exhibition, Anything Goes, which celebrates collaboration and artistic experimentation. This interdisciplinary show invites artists, musicians, performers, and makers to push boundaries and engage the community in exciting new ways. Please contact A&S with questions or suggestions.

Early College: (update shared by Toni Johnson)

- Early College has experienced significant growth, with enrollment nearly tripling from the Fall 2024 admitting semester. This remarkable expansion underscores the increasing interest and

commitment among students, partnering institutions and now collaborating with Continuing Education to provide more program offerings, advance academic and career readiness through dual enrollment and specialized career academies.

- The number of students starting the dual degree program will increase to 74 students (48 incoming and 29 returning). Participating high schools include Elmwood Park, East and West Leyden, Proviso East and West, PMSA, and Ridgewood.
- Additionally, the career academies have seen impressive expansion, with a 28% increase in programs offered, a 220% rise in student enrollment, and a 247% increase in credit hour participation.
- Programs now include Barbering, Criminal Justice, Dental Assisting, EMT, Education, EKG, Fire Science, HVAC, CAN, Optician Training, Physical Therapy Aide, Sports Conditioning, and Welding. Schools involved include Elmwood Park, East and West Leyden, Proviso East and West, PMSA, Ridgewood, and Riverside Brookfield, with potential new partners planning to join in the coming years.
- This growth underscores the high demand for dual enrollment and career-focused education, positioning the program for continued success in the years ahead.

Student Affairs, Hilary Meyer

Academic Success:

- The CAAS team is providing academic coaching in the library, available to all students. They are also matching SEED students with employers, both on campus and externally. Reach out to seed@triton.edu if you are interested in hosting a student.
- The Library is hosting an event on March 27 in partnership with Architecture faculty featuring Chicago Architects.
- Student Assistance has distributed a survey to faculty who participated in the self-service attendance pilot. Results will be reviewed shortly.
- TRIO is taking students to Texas during spring break, to experience cultural activities and tour a selection of transfer institutions.

Admissions:

- Pathways Spotlight Event – Engineering Science - Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 pm
- High School Group Visits for March include Proviso Township High Schools, Morton High School, East Leyden High School, Proviso East High School, and Seal-IL High School.

Financial Aid:

- Financial Aid is hosting a FAFSA Family Night on March 19 for students to complete the 25/26 FAFSA for the new year starting in the fall. They will also be sending award letters for the 25/26 year this week.

Records:

- Through a partnership with Parchment, starting with the Spring 2025 commencement diplomas will be mailed directly to students. Furthermore, the new system will allow students to access a digital diploma.

Retention and Student Engagement:

- A \$2 million allocation from the IBHE/ICCB to support stop-out students has been granted to ReUp, a vendor specializing in re-engaging students who have been absent for a year or more.

The institution is one of 12 schools benefiting from this partnership, which has already led to successful Triton College re-enrollments and completions.

- Fall registration opens week of April 21.
- TRIUMPH & SURGE is taking students to North Carolina during spring break, to experience cultural activities and tour a selection of transfer institutions.
- The Classic Man event held last week had a great turnout, with several students participating and enjoying the experience. An event for women is in the works.

Business Services, Colleen Rockafellow

- No report

Human Resources, Joe Klinger

- No report

Information Technology, Mike Garrity

- Currently in the development phase of a new website, which involves regular meetings with Modern Campus to review stakeholder feedback, survey results, and data analysis.
- The team is also working on upgrading to Colleague 6.0 and Self Service 3.0, which will soon replace the current version with minimal differences, primarily in the font.
- The mobile app for Triton College is under review after employees and students expressed interest, with the team exploring the best approach for setting up the app.
- Partnering with Admissions on the Common App initiative, which allows students to apply to multiple schools through a single platform.
- The CAAS and IT teams are also completing work on the AIM platform for student accommodations.
- IT will be upgrading the campus's wireless system. This includes migrating to Aruba Central for better wireless management and replacing outdated access points, while introducing secure and public SSIDs.
- Other ongoing projects include refreshing the CCTV system's server environment.
- They are also partnering with Financial Aid on a scholarship platform.

DEI, Purva DeVol

- Women's History Month is currently being celebrated with a week of activities in the Library, including inspiring talks from Triton College students, faculty, and staff.
- Additionally, the Heritage Committee is celebrating Irish American Heritage Month with a craft session next week, and Greek Heritage Month with a cooking demonstration on March 25.
- March is also Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, which was celebrated with a film screening and discussion last week.

Guided Pathways, Shelley Tiwari

- No report

Next meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025, 2:30–4 pm

*Meeting adjourned at: **3:01 pm***

Submitted by
Xavier Skinner