

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:05 p.m.

### **ATTENDEES**

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Ernest Davis, Purva DeVol, Joe Klinger, Hilary Meyer, Ty Perkins, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari.

Council Members Absent: Michael Flaherty, Hector Hernandez, Journey Manuel, Colleen Rockafellow, Maria Solorio, Mary Wink.

Others present: Jeanette Bartley, Michael Crenshaw, Michael Garrity, Denise Jones, Jason Lemberg, Mel Loucks, Jodi Koslow Martin, Anthony Ramos, Susan Rohde, Nina Vo, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of May 15, 2023, seconded by Mr. Klinger. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

### **HOT TOPICS**

None.

### **OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Ms. Meyer reported the Title V grant is approaching conclusion on September 30. The 5-year grant has produced several great outcomes for our students, especially the graduation rates for the Transfer Center cohort. 440 students and community members have been served so far in FY 24 through Career services. Also, Career Services will hold a Career Fair October 4. IT is working to change TC wireless access on campus for security reasons. Starting January 1, in accordance with state law, Hourly employees will be able to accrue and earn paid time off. The Heritage Month Committee is hosting events for Hispanic Heritage month. Also, launching next month is the Illinois Community College Diversity Commission professional development series. The college has engaged with external organization Re-up engage with students who have completed some college in years prior. The Fall 10<sup>th</sup> day report will be out on September 6.

### **ACADEMIC SENATE**

No report.

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Jason Lemberg, Director of Early Alert and Intervention, presented information on the use of CRM Advise by faculty and support staff and how alerts are responded to. CRM Advise is: 1) a responsive student tracking system aligned with intervention and resources to help students stay on the pathway, persist, progress, and complete; 2) a student database with potential for specified tracking and outreach capabilities; and 3) a data-management system with event

tracking, student success measurements, and real-time student support. The potential of CRM Advise, with full-picture tracking of a student's journey through Triton, allows for better support to students and increased retention. For more details, Mr. Lemberg's PowerPoint presentation can be viewed here: [CRM Advise - Overview.pptx](#).

## OLD BUSINESS

### COLLEGE COUNCIL FY 24 GOALS

A draft of the College Council goals for FY 24 as discussed at the Council's annual planning retreat was presented by Dr. DeVol. The goals are:

- *Council will engage in the campus-wide preparation for the HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation visit.*
- *Council will provide feedback on the progress of Strategic Plan goals.*
- *Council will provide feedback on improving the student experience on campus.*

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the College Council FY 24 Goals as presented, seconded by Dr. Tharakunnel. Vote carried the motion unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, ACCREDITATION

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visiting team of representatives will be on campus for the Reaffirmation of Accreditation on February 5 and 6, 2024. Preparation for the visit is taking place this fall through Department and Committee meetings, the Center for Teaching Excellence and Professional Development Center, and other venues. In addition, there are informational handouts throughout campus to help inform and prepare the college community. A handout that provides an overview of the accreditation process is attached.

## NEXT MEETING

The next College Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023.

## OTHER

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klinger made a motion, seconded by Mr Perkins to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried unanimously. College Council adjourned 2:40 p.m.

*Communication, Participation, Accreditation.*

## The HLC Accreditation Process

WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN AND WHERE

### WHO accredits Triton College?

- The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), which accredits colleges and universities throughout the United States.

### WHAT is institutional accreditation?

- It assures students, parents and employers that Triton College provides a quality educational experience.
- It validates the quality of academic programs at all degree levels, modes and locations.

### WHY is institutional accreditation important to Triton College?

- It enables students to transfer Triton College credits to other accredited colleges and universities.
- It allows students to receive federal financial aid.

### WHEN is the accreditation process?

- The college has been participating in this process for the last year.
- HLC conducts its Reaffirmation of Accreditation visit on **Monday, Feb. 5** and **Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024**.
- The HLC peer review team will meet with Triton College employees and students during the visit.

### WHERE can more information about accreditation be found?

- On the Triton College website:  
[triton.edu/accreditation](https://triton.edu/accreditation).
- On the employee portal:  
[experience.elluciancloud.com/tc460/page/accreditation](https://experience.elluciancloud.com/tc460/page/accreditation).
- On the HLC website:  
[hlcommission.org/Accreditation/pathways.html](https://hlcommission.org/Accreditation/pathways.html).

## HOW is Triton College's accreditation reaffirmed?

Every 10 years, Triton College faculty and staff participate in a year-long process of writing and collecting evidence to prepare for the Reaffirmation of Accreditation (ROA) visit.

Before the visit, the HLC reviews Triton College's:

### 1. ASSURANCE ARGUMENT

This provides evidence of meeting HLC's five Criteria for Accreditation. Over 70 faculty and staff engaged in writing this in 2022-2023!

### 2. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE FILING

For Title IV and other federal requirements, this shares our transfer policies, student recruitment materials, student outcome data and more.

### 3. STUDENT OPINION SURVEY

HLC gives this online survey to Triton College students in fall 2023 and after the visit on Feb. 5 and 6.

If Triton College continues to meet the Criteria for Accreditation, the HLC will recommend reaffirmation of accreditation for another 10 years.