

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:05 pm

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: President Mary-Rita Moore, Purva DeVol, Hector Hernandez, Joe Klinger, Shekinah Lawrence, Journey Manuel, Hilary Meyer, Ty Perkins, Colleen Rockafellow, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari, Mary Wink.

Council Members Absent: Ernest Davis, Michael Flaherty, Maria Solorio.

Others Present: Jeanette Bartley, Susan Campos, Rachel Hindery, Paul Jensen, Denise Jones, Jodi Koslow Martin, Jason Lemburg, Brandon Marks, Kelly Polen, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hilary Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular College Council meeting of November 13, 2023, seconded by Colleen Rockafellow. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Hilary Meyer shared these highlights from the December Operational Assembly meeting. Info Tech reports that twenty new interactive flat panels have been installed in classrooms, replacing older smartboards. To update the environment that virtual Colleague servers run on, new hardware is being installed in the A and M Buildings. Canon is updating the Uniflow software platform for campus copiers. DEI is in the initial planning stages of Black History Month. The Director of the Testing Center, Brent Damsz, and Director of CAAS, Dominique Dial, discussed student placement testing updates and the impact of accommodations.

Research reports that the Triton College Fact Sheet has been updated, and the 2023 Fact Book is being finalized. Student Life and the Welcome Squad are preparing for the start of the spring term. The Toy Drive and Troy Mart are still accepting donations, and two Super Saturday enrollment events are planned for January. The spring marketing campaign is in full swing, and the class schedule was shipped to homes last week. Business & Facilities reported that budget training for cost center managers has concluded, and FY 25 budget presentations were held last week.

ACADEMIC SENATE

No updates in this area.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Brandon Marks presented on the services offered by Academic Advising, including registration, transferring, withdrawing, advising and other services. He also announced that all advisor positions have been filled. The department is brainstorming ideas to make New Student Orientation more engaging to keep students excited for starting a new semester.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Klinger presented the new part time PTO law going into detail on how the time accrument works, how part time employees can request days off and how it will look on their timecards.

Purva DeVol introduced Kurian Tharakunnel, Jeanette Bartley, and Paul Jensen as leaders of the Year 3 Strategic Plan Goal 1 Action Plans. Each provided mid-year updates of the work of their committees. Kurian Tharakunnel reported on Action Plan 1 work involving professional development for faculty on using institutional data, individual student data, and surveys to improve retention rates of students.

Jeanette Bartley presented on Action Plan 2. The committee is looking at what practices have been successful in improving student persistence, retention, and completion, and how to use the resources that the college offers to improve those practices so they may have a better experience.

As leader of Action Plan 3, Paul Jensen discussed the benefits of 8-week courses and how to support students who feel the accelerated courses are overwhelming.

NEXT MEETING

The next College Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Purva DeVol made a motion and Journey Manuel seconded. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.