

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:07 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Ernest Davis, Purva DeVol, Michael Flaherty, Joe Klinger, Shekinah Lawrence, Ty Perkins, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari, Mary Wink.

Council Members Absent: Journey Manuel, Hilary Meyer, Colleen Rockafellow, Maria Solorio.

Others present: Adel Almaali, Jeanette Bartley, Susan Campos, Julio Delgado, Panos Hadjimitsos, Justyna Kohtz, Jodi Koslow Martin, Marylou Murphy, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of January 29, 2024, seconded by Dr. Tharakunnel. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. Tharakunnel reported that Operational Assembly met on February 12, and shared the following highlights. Students reported that “Pack the Place” basketball games were successful, with Triton teams victorious and many students in attendance. Student leaders will be attending an ICCB meeting in March, and are planning for Spring Fling and the college’s 60th Anniversary celebrations. Black History Month events are scheduled throughout February, including the Roosevelt Middle School Band performing on campus. Academic Affairs is working with Marketing on the combined schedule for summer. Student Affairs is in the planning stages of bringing home-schooling families to campus to share resources. Business & Facilities announced that our student athletes are doing well. Men’s Basketball is currently ranked 6th in the Nation, the Wrestling Team is doing well, and Women’s Basketball celebrated their 50th Anniversary. The Barber Lab and Respiratory Care Lab construction is complete, and the new Child Development Center playground is scheduled for April. Cost Center Managers have been reminded that February 29 is the expenditure cutoff for FY 24. The College’s 60th Anniversary events are being planned, with details available on our website at triton.edu/60. Human Resources is preparing the summer work schedule, and the Statement of Economic Interest forms will be coming out soon. HR is also finalizing paid leave for all employees and will have meetings through the PDC to provide PTO guidance.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Dr. Flaherty reported that Senate met in February with only a few reports from subcommittees. Curriculum has finished up some changes in electives and fine-tuning programs. There may be a new cultural gender class coming from Social Sciences. The Student Development Committee is hosting a blood drive later this month. Professional Development continues to update the faculty observation form and will bring a new proposal to a future Senate meeting. Also, the self-assessment form was presented and more information on that will be forthcoming.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. Tharakunnel gave a presentation on IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) student success metrics and how Triton compares with peer institutions. He explained that every public institution sends data about employees and students to IPEDS, including enrollment, completion, retention, and finances. Triton's IPEDS comparison group, which is self-selected, includes Truman, Wright, DuPage, Lake County, Elgin, Moraine Valley, Morton, Oakton, South Suburban, and Harper community colleges. Student retention rates, graduation rates, and transfer-out rates were discussed, with Triton coming in slightly lower than the peer group. The full report is available on the Research portal. The achievement gap in graduation rates was noted as something to keep in mind as strategic plan work continues.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next College Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024.

OTHER

President Moore offered congratulations to the Wrestling Team, with ten wrestlers qualifying for the national tournament.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klinger to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried unanimously. College Council adjourned 3:05 p.m.