

**Members Present:** Hilary Meyer, Mike Garrity, Katie Rullo, and Kurian Tharakunnel

**Members Absent:** Purva DeVol, Joe Klinger, Mark Kouria, Colleen Rockafellow, and Shelley Tiwari

**Others Present:** Dominique Dial, Lisa Huff, Toni Johnson, Shekinah Lawrence, Jason Lemberg, and Melissa Ramirez Cooper

*Meeting started at: 2:35 pm*

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting was made by Katie Rullo and seconded by Mike Garrity.

### **Research, Kurian Tharakunnel**

- The 2024 Fact Book is now available:  
[https://www.triton.edu/globalassets/media/documents/triton\\_college\\_fact\\_book\\_fy\\_2024.pdf](https://www.triton.edu/globalassets/media/documents/triton_college_fact_book_fy_2024.pdf)
- There is new information on dual credit enrollment and transfer institutions.

### **Academic Affairs, Katie Rullo**

#### Continuing Education

- The FET/Local 399 semester started last week, January 6. Credits will be up about 9% and revenue for the semester is up 12%.

#### Adult Education

- Adult Education has a Completion & Transition Specialist vacancy. The application is open.

#### Early College

- Director of Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Programs Toni Johnson spoke to Operational Assembly in depth about their new programs.
- The Dual Enrollment Career Academy has grown from 4 programs to 14 programs (8 new) in total.
- The new programs will offer high school students the opportunity to earn industry credentials and reverse high school transfer credit. Programs include sports conditioning and sports management, among others.
- Early College has partnered with Continuing Education and credit divisions to create mini certificates that contribute to an associate's degree. These include EKG, physical therapy, dental assistant, option, barbering, and HVAC. They are identified as specific "do not publish" sections. They are partnered with an existing class depending on enrollment. The enrollment is known in February for Fall 2025. Students are bused to campus from their high schools.
- Toni also talked about the dual degree program, which started with 4 students from Ridgewood (class of 2024), then 14 students from Ridgewood and Leyden (class of 2025), and has grown to 30 students from Ridgewood, Leyden, Proviso Math & Science Academy, Proviso West, and Riverside Brookfield for the class of 2026 graduation. Out of district families are also interested in the program. Students are all on the path to graduation.

- The dual degree students receive support and resources to navigate the program, including a scholar society started by the class of 2025, and coaching on the importance of self-advocacy and regular check-ins with academic advisors to ensure students' success. Some students participate in TRIUMPH & SURGE.

#### Arts & Sciences

- The Associate in Engineering Science (AES) degree program begins Fall 2025.
- The AES degree will offer guaranteed admission to select students to UIUC's Grainger School of Engineering upon completion of requirements.

#### **Student Affairs, Hilary Meyer**

##### Academic Success

- The ETRC is up and running in the library, providing tech support, and satellite support is being offered in the B Building through the first week of classes.
- Academic Coaching is being piloted in the library by CAAS Coordinator Danielle Flores, with a focus on executive functioning support.
- The SEED program started today (Tuesday, Jan. 21).
- Students and employees are encouraged to use [studentassistance@triton.edu](mailto:studentassistance@triton.edu) if they are not sure where to go to obtain a service or resource.
- Library programming for Black History Month includes a "party in the stacks" to highlight our physical collection. We are also featuring red-line poetry creation for February.
- We are looking to pilot a Silent Book Club event, which will be held in the Silent Study Room, allowing participants from across the community to read books of their choice silently together.
- The Authentic Triton Library/Student Assistance Open House is on February 13 in the Library.

##### Admissions

- There are positive enrollment trends, with significant increases in both credit and non-credit headcount.

##### Dean of Students

- Troy-Rides is again available as an emergency ride service for students. Troy-Rides, powered by Lyft, will provide up to two emergency rides for students from home to school, clinicals, or work within a 12-mile radius. This service is available for students facing urgent circumstances. <https://www.triton.edu/troyrides/>
- Title IX page has been updated.
- Welcome Week events will start January 27-30, Monday -Thursday 11-2 in the cafeteria
- Perspectives is now called AllOne Health.

##### Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Awareness Month events will be held each week in February, with workshops and activities to promote financial aid resources.

##### Retention & Student Engagement

- Academic Advising will be walk-ins until the end of the month. Advising appointments will resume in February.
- Monthly New Student Newsletters will continue this semester.
- Transfer Center Events Calendar (Spring 2025)
  - Monday, February 3rd, 11AM-2PM: Transfer Center Kick Off Day 1 (In front of Transfer Center)
  - Wednesday, February 5th, 2-5PM: Transfer Center Kick Off Day 2 (In front of Transfer Center)
  - Wednesday, February 12th, 12-1PM: UIUC Event (B 204/210)
  - Monday, February 17th, 10AM-1PM: Spring 2025 Triton College Transfer Fair (Triton Cafeteria)
- Transfer Center Workshop Calendar (Spring 2025)
  - Tuesday, February 11th, 2PM-3PM: Transfer 101 - How to Write a Stellar Admission Essay (Transfer Center Small Tote/Lunch Bags Giveaway) - (Transfer Center, B110)
  - Wednesday, February 19th, 12-1PM: Transfer 101 - How to Pay for College (Transfer Center Pull-String Bag Giveaway) - (Transfer Center, B110)
- In collaboration with the Counseling department, TRIUMPH and SURGE is hosting Her Haven and Fellas Fellowship in February to support student mental health and wellness.

**Information Technology, Mike Garrity**

- The SmartBoard refresh project is completed as well as upgrades to physical and virtual servers.
- The Gainful Employment report deadline was met, with efforts from both Financial Aid and IT.
- The Modern Campus kickoff meeting was held to discuss the new website, with plans to gather campus input through sessions and surveys.
- New servers for new instances of Colleague and Self Service are being created, with expected availability in the next month.
- Working on getting W2s and 1098Ts out.
- Interviews are scheduled for the Coordinator of Degree Audit position.

Next meeting: Monday, February 10, 2024, 2:30–4 pm

*Meeting adjourned at: 3:05 pm*

Submitted by  
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