

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:03 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Erica Baffa, Andrea Bangura, Humberto Espino, Dayanne Figueroa, Michael Flaherty, Kevin Li, James Malarski, Vezire Osmani, Purva Rushi, Megan Sroka, Shelley Tiwari, Kurian Tharakunnel.

Council Members Absent: Christopher Clem, Susan Rohde.

Others Present: Hannah Ballas, Susan Campos, Derrell Carter, Aaron Doyle-Marzette, Daisy Dujua, Kayla Gagliardi, Mike Garrity, Michael Henson, Paul Jensen, Denise Jones, Joe Klinger, Jodi Koslow Martin, Cora Luster, Shivonne McKissie, Hilary Meyer, Selma Mehmedagic, Marylou Murphy, Krysti Reece, Christina Skasa, Briceida Tapia, Brenda Jones Watkins, Andrew Wittrock, Sarah.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Figueroa made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 College Council meeting, seconded by Dr. Tharakunnel. The motion carried unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Kurian Tharakunnel reported that Operational Assembly met on April 12 and provided the following highlights. Academic Affairs reported on faculty winning awards, including Outstanding Faculty of the Year Justyna Koc, Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year Kelley McFarland, Illinois CPA Society Outstanding Educator Justyna Koc, and 2021 Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs Teaching Excellence Award for Region 4 to Gretchen Reyes. Also, the Certified Medical Assistant Program received full accreditation after a site visit.

Student Affairs reported on preparations for the April 26 return to campus. Technology reported that the implementation of CRM Advise is progressing well. Diversity reported that they met last week and are working to finalize the Kaleidoscope plan by the end of May for Board approval in June. Research reported that 165 students have taken the CCSSE survey and 31 faculty members the CCFSSSE survey and Council was asked to encourage the completion of these important surveys. Business & Facilities reported on a survey regarding the FY 22 personnel budget distributed to cost center managers, on COVID-19 Relief Grant fund allocations, and a new bank coming onsite near the Bookstore. Dr. Tharakunnel showed a rendering of the recommended location in the Fine Arts (J) building of the mural removed during B building renovation. Operational Assembly approved the proposed location, and College Council accepted their recommendation.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Michael Flaherty, who was absent from the rescheduled March College Council meeting, discussed the activities of Academic Senate over March and April as follows. Curriculum approved new certificates in agriculture and truck engine repair, the Anthropology degree will now be offered as an AA, and the sustainable production certificate was reactivated. Guided Pathways work continues, as well as planning a proposal for a combined course outline and syllabus. Academic Standards continues their review of the withdrawal process and hope to bring something forward in May. Academic Support is examining responses to the student course survey and inclement weather survey. Campus Quality is discussing issues related to getting ready for a greater number of people on campus, including cleaning and signage. Professional Development announced the outstanding faculty of the year as Justyna Koc for full-time and Kelley McFarland for adjunct. They are developing more user-friendly outstanding faculty nomination forms and are developing proposals for the Fall Workshop. Assessment is updating their portal page and implementing the replacement of TK20 with Watermark. Online Education & Technology is preparing for a Blackboard satisfaction survey and evaluation of online teaching credentials. Dr. Flaherty was re-elected as Chair of the Academic Senate for the 2021-2022 academic year.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Shelley Tiwari reported that the Pillar One mapping committee has nearly completed all of the full-time program maps, with a next step of getting the maps published on the website. The Pillar Two workgroup is getting ready for CRM Advise and redesigning the first year experience. The Pillar Three subgroup is looking at the course scheduling process to ensure students are able to stay on their path.

Attendees of the Achieving the Dream annual Dream conference provided these highlights. Hannah Ballas attended sessions that were research and data oriented and was impressed that students were involved in presentations. She highlighted a session about using deep data to dive into equity with a takeaway of using curiosity, not judgment, when evaluating data. Michael Henson discussed what he learned about what Triton is doing well, such as local needs assessment and industry certification, and things that Triton could do to accommodate equity issues. He is now considering how to offer options to give students more opportunities and be more successful. Denise Jones discussed the structure and layout of the conference, including the core themes. A favorite session was about clearing pathways to student success and removing barriers. Patrick Kane discussed sessions about aligning industry needs with educational training and bringing jobs to campus where students can get real work experience. He also learned about a drop rate improvement program through interacting with students and being adaptable. Hilary Meyer discussed the impact of the Dream Scholars at the conference, including Triton's own Sarah Cuevas.

OLD BUSINESS

ANNUAL COLLEGE COUNCIL SURVEY

Purva Rushi reported that the survey closed Monday night with the highest number of employees ever participating, 319 in total. Details will be shared when the full report is received and will be used to help develop next year's College Council goals.

NEW BUSINESS

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

Krysti Reece reported that the topic for Learning Improvement Week was "learning in a time of COVID." The week included a presentation on critical thinking, a presentation on survey data, assessment fellows reflecting on experiences, assessment across the discipline, and featured several speakers. An assessment scavenger hunt was held all week. A full-day summit was held on Friday, with sessions on high-impact practices, and Triton's own faculty—Triton Treasures—sharing what they are doing in assessment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of College Council is May 24, 2021 on Microsoft Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Figueroa made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flaherty, to adjourn the meeting. College Council was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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