

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:04 p.m. in B-204/210, and introduced new Classified Representative, Lakedra Love.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Humberto Espino, Michael Flaherty, Jasmine Garcia, Michael Henson, Lakedra Love, James Malarski, Vezire Osmani, Ray Porcayo, Susan Rohde, Purva Rushi, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari.

Others Present: Maria Correa, Jean Dugo, Michael Garrity, Christopher Hordowich, Denise Jones, Tomer Kanan, Joe Klinger, Justyna Koc, Jodi Koslow Martin, Katherine McGuinness, Christopher Mendoza, Hilary Meyer, Ally Miller, Marylou Murphy, Amy Pinc, Gretchen Reyes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021 College Council meetings, seconded by Mr. Espino. The motion carried unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Kurian Tharakunnel reported that the Operational Assembly met on September 13 and provided the following highlights. Academic Affairs is celebrating Adult Education & Family Literacy Week with many events including one for alumni and a food drive. There is a new Associate Dean of Business & Technology, Alexandria Terrazas. Student Affairs is providing student support services online and in person. Business & Facilities is bringing the FY 22 Final Budget to the September Board meeting for approval, and the FY 23 Budget process will start in October. They are also supporting activities of the vaccine or test mandate. Human Resources will send the refresher course for sexual harassment to all staff soon, and it is the open enrollment period for supplemental life insurance. Technology reported working on the platform for the vaccine or test mandate, and a new email security system which is in place now to reduce spam and phishing. Research announced reports now available through the Research page on the employee portal and a SENSE survey targeting new students that will be administered at the end of September.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Michael Flaherty reported on Senate activities as follows. Curriculum work is centered on forms and Guided Pathways, with Music and CIS finishing up their maps. Student Development is focused on diversity. The Chair of Campus Quality, Jackie Mullany, will step down at the end of the semester, so they will be looking for her replacement, as well as a replacement for the Chair of the Professional Development Committee. Assessment continues to be focused on course outcomes this semester and the development of the Watermark system is ongoing. Online Education & Technology is looking at online programs and taking steps to bring nearly

complete programs fully available online. Dr. Flaherty added that Senate By-Laws are up to date, as is the webpage. He noted that Derek Salinas-Lazarski and Pam Harmon are now the Deans who are representatives. The next Senate meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in October, October 19, because the second Tuesday is a Faculty and Student day off.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Shelley Tiwari reported that pillar groups continue their Guided Pathways work and quarterly reports will be provided starting in October.

Kurian Tharakunnel shared highlights of the CCSSE Survey, which measures student engagement, a predictor of student success and learning. This national survey is performed annually, with Triton College participating every three years, 2021 being our latest. The survey is typically conducted in-class with 600-700 students responding. This year it was conducted online and about 200 students responded. The five benchmarks measured are active & collaborative learning, student effort, academic challenge, student-faculty interaction, and support for learners. Over 400 institutions participate in this national survey, Triton scored above average on student-faculty interaction and support for learners. A separate faculty survey of student engagement was conducted. Information regarding these surveys are available under Research in the employee resources section of the employee portal. Dr. Tharakunnel will also present "What Can We Learn From the 2021 Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) Results?" in the Center for Teaching Excellence on Thursday, September 30 from 2-3 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Susan Rohde led a discussion on College Council reps wanting to hear more about what groups and departments are doing on a regular basis. After hearing what's happening on campus during New Employee Orientation sessions, she asked if Council might be a good format for these kinds of conversations with the goal of disseminating information. There was discussion about the value of inter-departmental communication and collaboration but no consensus on the venue for that. College Council is an advisory body to the President and shouldn't stray from that purpose, but there may be institutional topics that might have interest and merit further discussion. Council will continue this conversation and members are encouraged to send Ms. Rohde their ideas or examples.

NEW BUSINESS

VACCINATION/TEST COMPLIANCE UPDATE

President Moore discussed progress made to comply with the Vaccination/Testing Executive Order of employees and students submitting documentation of vaccination or weekly testing. The College is now using the *Cleared4* platform for this documentation in addition to daily reporting on *Campus Clear*. 55 percent of employees and 10 percent of students have completed their documentation so far. Communication efforts are ongoing, with employee

group leaders and student leaders working collaboratively with administration to spread the word and also to put steps in place if people don't want to comply. To support those testing weekly, the College has established a location in the T building with ample space and added personnel.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of College Council is scheduled on October 18, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m.

OTHER

Susan Rohde mentioned that she and AVP Klinger have been working on Action Plan 2 of Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan and she will be asking employee group reps for their suggestions.

Susan Rohde announced that the Professional Development Center is sponsoring a softball game as part of Co-Worker Connect, the afternoon of October 5, with Faculty & Staff playing our Women's Champion Softball Team.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rohde, to adjourn the meeting. College Council was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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