

Announcements: President Moore introduced Lakedra Love as the new Classified Representative to College Council. President Moore announced that today starts a week-long celebration of Adult Education & Family Literacy at Triton.

Operational Assembly: Kurian Tharakunnel reported the following highlights from the September 13 meeting. Academic Affairs announced a new Associate Dean of Business & Technology Alexandria Terrazas. Business & Facilities reported that the FY 22 Budget is going to the September Board for approval and the FY 23 Budget process begins in October. Human Resources reported that a refresher course regarding sexual harassment will be sent to staff soon, and that it is now open enrollment for supplemental life insurance. Technology reported working on the platform for the vaccination/testing mandate and a new email security system in operation now. Research announced that a survey targeting new students will be administered the last week in September.

Academic Senate: Michael Flaherty highlighted Senate committee reports as follows. Curriculum work is focused on forms and Guided Pathways, with Music and CIS nearing completion. The chair for Campus Quality will be stepping down at the end of the semester, and there is also a vacancy in the Professional Development committee chair. Assessment has been put into the Watermark system, and course outcomes are currently being assessed. Online Education & Technology is looking at programs that are close to being available completely online so they can take steps to make them so available. The deans now serving on Senate are Derek Salinas-Lazarski and Pam Harmon.

Student Success: Shelley Tiwari reported that the pillar groups continue their Guided Pathways work and quarterly reports will start in October.

Kurian Tharakunnel shared highlights of the CCSSE Survey, which measures student engagement, a predictor of student success and learning. The five benchmarks measured are active & collaborative learning, student effort, academic challenge, student-faculty interaction, and support for learners. CCSSE information is available under Research in the employee resources section of the employee portal. Dr. Tharakunnel will present “What Can We Learn From the 2021 Community College Survey of Student Engagement Survey (CCSSE) Results?” in the Center for Teaching Excellence on Thursday, September 30, 2-3 p.m.

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. Council will continue this conversation and members are encouraged to send Ms. Rohde their ideas or examples.

Vaccination/Test Compliance Update: President Moore discussed progress made to comply with the Vaccination/Testing Executive Order. We are now using the *Cleared4* platform for employees and students to document their vaccination status in addition to daily reporting on Campus Clear. 55 percent of employees and 10 percent of students have completed thus far, and communication efforts are ongoing, working with employee group and student leadership. Administration is also working with those leaders to collaboratively put steps in place if people don’t want to comply. To support those who will be testing weekly, the college has established a location in the T Building with ample space and added personnel.

Faculty-Staff/Student Softball: PDC is sponsoring a Softball Game as part of Co-Worker Connect, the afternoon of October 5, with Faculty & Staff playing our Women’s Championship Softball Team!