

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:04 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Ernest Davis, Humberto Espino, Michael Flaherty, Michael Henson, Joe Klinger, Lakedra Love, Hilary Meyer, Ty Perkins, Whitney Romero, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari, Mary Wink.

Council Members Absent: Purva DeVol.

Others Present: Sandra Berryhill, Susan Campos, Mary Casey-Incardone, Christopher Clem, Jasmine Dass, Daisy Dujua, Aja Gorham, Paul Jensen, Saadia Khan, Jodi Koslow Martin, Jacqueline Lynch, Hanan Merheb, Susan Rohde (Science), Susan Rohde (PDC), Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of June 13 and the College Council Retreat of July 20, 2022, seconded by Mr. Klinger. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

Enrollment Period/Course Withdrawal: Mr. Romero addressed the topic of the open enrollment period ending before the semester starts, as was brought up at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. President Moore acknowledged that current policy is that a student should be registered by the first day of the course. Mr. Romero continued that the cancellation of courses because of low enrollment compounds the issue when a course is dropped at the last minute and they can't sign up for a different class because of the enrollment deadline. He plans to look into this issue more from a student perspective and get more student feedback.

It was recapped and confirmed that Mr. Romero will be talking with students regarding no late start registration and courses being withdrawn for low enrollment. President Moore noted that the vice presidents have already indicated that there will be college-wide discussion this year, and asked Mr. Romero to meet with Vice President Koslow Martin with the results from talking with students. When ready, the topic can come back to College Council.

There was discussion that the data shows clearly that students who register late are less likely to do as well as students who are there on the first day, which is a reason for the College's no late start policy of the last five years. Prior to that, there was an add/drop week of approximately five days.

Student Loan Forgiveness: Christopher Clem commended Mr. Romero for voicing a student concern. He then brought up an administrative item – the Federal Student Loan Forgiveness

Plan. Mr. Clem inquired about what the College is going to do to be proactive and reach out to students, and volunteered to assist in raising awareness of this issue. President Moore thanked Mr. Clem for bringing the topic and commented that the College is currently becoming informed about this far-reaching development. It is anticipated that Financial Aid will receive information and guidance from federal agencies about the plan in order to provide the assistance students will require. Updates will be provided as they become available.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. Tharakunnel announced that the group will hold their first meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Dr. Flaherty reported that there are six new senators for this fall and all of the Senate Subcommittee Chairs are in place. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, and will be held on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. Dr. Flaherty noted that the meetings are not all on the second Tuesday of the month because of adjustments for holidays, and reminders will be given as usual.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ms. Tiwari presented a summary of ideas on institutionalizing Guided Pathways including:

- 1) Allocate institutional resources based on the guided pathways framework;
- 2) Align pathways with the strategic priorities;
- 3) Continue to engage faculty, staff, and students in pathways conversations;
- 4) Integrate pathways into hiring, onboarding, tenure, and evaluation practices;
- 5) Continue to support the redesigned student experience;
- 6) Keep the focus on equity;
- 7) Continue to assess and refine various guided pathways elements; and
- 8) Stay abreast of research on pathways.

OLD BUSINESS

COLLEGE COUNCIL FY 23 GOALS

President Moore congratulated and thanked Council members for their active engagement on the listserv regarding this year's goals.

Council reached consensus in adopting three goals for FY 2023.

- Council will provide feedback on the progress and refinements of Guided Pathways.
- Council will provide feedback on the progress of Strategic Plan goals.
- Council will provide feedback on the implementation of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

NEW BUSINESS

CAREER CUBE: YOUR PROFESSIONAL IMAGE

Paul Jensen presented information on a new tool that is being used in Career Services here at Triton and across the country. Career Cube allows workforce professionals to assist students with their professional image in managing their career. It is a high-end photo studio that takes photos and gives users various options to edit their image. The unit also allows users to create a professional social media presence on sites such as LinkedIn. A sample video was played to demonstrate how the tool is used. The Business Department's Social Media Certificate program and Workforce Equity Initiative students will be using Career Cube during their courses as an embedded class project. It is being planned for new students to receive an orientation on Career Services and Career Cube. Career Cube is free to students, community and staff.

A CULTURE OF GUIDED PATHWAYS: TUTORING KEEPS STUDENTS ON THE PATH

Hilary Meyer presented ways that tutors in Academic Success are helping students stay on their path. Assistance is being provided to students "where they are," such as during enrollment and registration (where tutors are deployed as welcome ambassadors), in the classroom, in the halls, where they study, at work and at home. The support provided includes tutoring, Multi-Factor Authentication assistance, embedded support during class, the virtual navigator program, pop-up tutoring, and extended tutoring during evenings and on Sundays.

Academic Success is also looking for feedback from faculty, students, and staff to see how the A-100 space can be reimagined such as paint, casual furniture and areas of study for students to have a home base.

NEXT MEETING

The next College Council meeting will be held on September 19, 2022.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klinger, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Page