CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Michael Flaherty called the meeting to order at 2:37PM.

Members Present: Leniar Anderson, Sandra Berryhill, Christina Brophy, Sue Campos, Kathi Deresinski, Marianna Desmond, Michael Erzen, Roseanne Feltman, Rebecca Fournier, Dubravka Juraga, Carol Lynch, Dennis McNamara, Mary Mitchell, Jacqueline Mullany, Hector Zavala, Adrian Fisher

Ex-Officio Members: Cheryl Antonich, Michael Flaherty, Eddy Hinojosa, Paul Jensen, Doug Olson, and Ric Segovia

Non-Voting Members: Quincy Martin and Jacquelyn Werner

Guests: Kevin Li, Mary-Rita Moore, Pamela Perry, Michael Garrity, Paul Jensen, Kevin Kennedy, Jessica Rubalcaba, Humberto Espino, Peter Jaswilk, Corey Williams, Mary Ann Tobin, Geoff Hiller, John Cody, Tina Swiniarski, and Virginia Cabasa-Hess

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Flaherty welcomed all of the new senators and stated that this first meeting will be relatively short, as many of the sub-committees have not yet met for the new academic year.

Dr. Flaherty asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Academic Senate Meeting. Christina Brophy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Marianna Desmond. ♦ Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. College Curriculum: Sue Campos reported that College Curriculum has met this month and that changes within the Curriculum Department will be reported at the next Academic Senate Meeting.

Sue also reported that Curriculum Boot Camp is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2015 from 9AM-12PM and Monday, October 5, 2015 from 12:30PM-3:30PM in the CTE.

B. Academic & Scholastic Standards: Leniar Anderson reported that the committee has not yet met since last May and that they are still in the process of determining their fall 2015 meeting schedule.

C. Student Development: Sandra reported that the committee has not yet met this semester. The Student Development Committee will meet on the second Monday of every month, with exception to September. The September meeting will take place on September 21, 2015.
D. Academic Support: No report.

E. Campus Quality: Christina Brophy reported that the Campus Quality Committee’s first meeting will be on September 17, 2015 at 2:30PM in F-211. She also reported that since the beginning of the semester, she has received complaints about the copier in the D-Building. She brought this issue to Mike Garrity and it is being resolved.

F. Professional Development: Roseanne Feltman, new chair of the Professional Development Committee, reported that the committee has not yet met for the fall semester. Their meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month, from 2-3PM in the F-Building Conference Room. She also stated that the committee is hoping to send out an online survey to assess what faculty would like to receive in terms of professional development workshops.

G. Assessment: No report.

H. Technical Advisory/Distance Learning: Marianna Desmond stated that the Technical Advisory and Distance Learning Committee met last week and that their regular meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month at 2PM in the H-Building. Marianna reported that topics discussed at the last meeting included the establishment of a mentor program for online instructors, establishing two tracks for Online Teacher Certification, and continuing education. Discussion about implementing a mentoring program for faculty teaching online covered a number of areas/concerns including a definition, expectations, time commitment, & compensation.

Marianna also reported that for the fall semester there are 812 sections of Blackboard running, with 7,000 students having Blackboard access, and 13,693 enrolled in courses using Blackboard. Also, currently 8-9% of courses offered at Triton are online courses, with the statewide average being 21%. Marianna stated that the committee would like to see our percentage closer to the state average.

Marianna also reported on a list of technology updates at Triton. These updates include Notebook 15, 12 additional new SMART classrooms, 23 additional Brightlink Interactive Classrooms in the “H” building, 3D printing in the CTE, the latest Blackboard upgrade, which will be referred to as Learning Essentials Solution.

Christina Brophy asked if the mentor program for online instructors would be another step/obstacle for someone who wants to start teaching online. Marianna responded that no, nothing would be mandatory for this mentorship program and it would only be used as a resource for online faculty. Christina also asked if it would be possible to speed up the process for online teaching. Marianna responded that the Teaching Advisory and Distance Education Committee does not have any control when it comes to that issue.

Dr. Flaherty asked it the online evaluation form will be live this semester. Marianna responded that they are waiting to test the online evaluation form on the new version of Blackboard.
A. Dr. Flaherty reported that there are possible changes that may be brought forward for further review and discussion in terms of the Academic Senate meetings. One issue is possibly rescheduling the September Senate Meetings. Another change that might possibly be brought forth for discussion is a department’s request to move to one senator. Dr. Flaherty stated that these changes will likely be brought forward within the next year.

B. Dr. Flaherty reported that the webpage is currently being updated, and that there are only minor changes that need to be made at this point.

C. Dr. Flaherty thanked all of the chairs for their committee assessment reports. These assessments were forwarded to Pamela Perry who will present them to the College Council. Dr. Flaherty mentioned that these assessments will be reviewed to ensure that they meet HLC standards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flaherty asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christina Brophy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 2:57PM.

Respectfully submitted: [Signature]

Minutes Approved: [Signature]