2015 Tentative Budget  The annual Budget Hearing was held without question from the floor. Chairman Stephens stated that the projected operating revenues are $71,896,102 and projected expenditures are $80,360,527. What appears to be a deficit of $8,464,425 is planned spending from the reserves on a variety of projects including carpeting, parking lots, elevators, and the H building renovations. Comments and questions are encouraged either by phone call to the Chairman through the President’s Office or by email.

Daniel Johnson EMT Award Winners
Students Michael Gaudio (left photo) and Joseph Adams (right photo) received the Daniel Johnson EMT Award for their leadership and achievements in the EMT program. Michael, winning the award for Fall 2013, is a Marine Corp veteran and achieved the highest grade of any student in the program and helped tutor other students. Joseph, the Spring 2014 winner, served as a role model to other students with his composure and calmness during simulated training. Both students were surrounded by family in celebration of their success.

Faculty News  President Granados announced that with tonight’s approval of three full-time faculty appointments, there will be a total of seven new faculty joining the college for the fall semester. Lesa Hildebrand discussed the college’s participation with the IGEN Electric Vehicle Road Trip, serving students who may be displaced by the possible closing of Everest College, and happenings at the AFT Convention.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved  All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including the college’s continuing participation in Achieving the Dream and college-related travel. See the Board of Trustees website for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in July.
Public Information Meetings  There are two remaining Public Information Meetings:  July 24 at East Leyden High School at 7 p.m. and August 5 at Oak Park Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and to spread the word to attend to learn about the bond sale that will take place in the fall, and the resulting improvements to the college.  The college will make presentations and answer questions, and is also seeking suggestions and comments from the public.

Police Training Facility  On Thursday, July 17, the college will meet with district Mayors and Police Chiefs to discuss collaborative plans to develop a tactical training facility on campus.  A great deal of interest has been expressed throughout the community about this project.  John Augustine will be presenting plans for the facility as well as programmatic opportunities.

Student Senate Update  TCSA has two new officers:  Stephanie Ramirez as Vice President and Nicolas Chiakulos as Treasurer.  Students met recently with Clavio’s Café representatives and gave suggestions for more healthful and inexpensive offerings.  Also, the TCSA has upped the required GPA for the E-Board to 2.5.

Adjuncts Approve Agreement  Bill Justiz reported that Adjunct Faculty union members voted unanimously to approve their contract.

50th Anniversary Kickoff  Triton will begin celebrating its 50th Anniversary on August 28 with Cake Cutting ceremonies at Noon and 6 p.m.  See the 50th Anniversary website for more details on the Kickoff and other activities planned throughout the anniversary year.

Bond Sale News  The Board approved four action exhibits related to the bond sale including the hiring of three law firms and an underwriter.  The public was assured that all of these retentions are necessary, the firms are competent, and the college is getting them at a good price.  In the interest of transparency, it was noted that there are employees at all of these firms who are politically-connected; however, none of those individuals are associated with the contracts nor will be involved in the work for the college.  In addition, connections were not considered when hiring the firms.  Decision to hire was based on expertise in the field, advice from PMA (the college’s consultant on this project), and requirements of the Securities Exchange Commission.