CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chairman Mark Stephens called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Robert Collins Center Auditorium at 6:43 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

Present: Ms. Alexis Gonzalez, Mr. Glover Johnson, Ms. Vanessa Moritz, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Mr. Glenn Stam, Mr. Mark Stephens, Ms. Diane Viverito.

Absent: Ms. Donna Peluso.

Mr. Stephens commented that Ms. Peluso lost a friend tragically and is at that wake.

Chairman Stephens remarked that after the required Citizen Participation, tonight’s meeting will be free-flowing and informational. After the presentation is given, he would like to have a discussion with attendees and hear their thoughts about the presentation and other projects.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
Representatives from the President’s Leadership Academy Class of 2015 announced that their institutional project will be a focus on serving Veterans and asked that space be dedicated to a Veterans Lounge and Educational Resource Center. They are just beginning to plan the project and wanted to make their project known as space is allocated.

Barb Langer of River Forest addressed the Board on promises made not to raise property taxes and then approving a property tax increase, the increase in the amount of the bond issue, and the accumulation of cash reserves. She requested that the issue be put to public referendum, for the bond issue that was authorized to be rescinded, and for detail on projects to be accomplished, as well as requesting improvements to the aquatic facilities. Mr. Stephens responded to all her points, noting that the tax levy has not been increased, and invited the speaker to stay for the presentation to hear details.

PRESENTATION OF BOND REVENUE CAMPUS RENEWAL PROJECTS
President Granados introduced the presentation of the Bond Revenue Campus Renewal Projects to enhance facilities in preparation for the next fifty years, create student areas, and create spaces for new and upcoming programs to prepare our students for the future and help our community stay vibrant. The funding aspect of the projects was reported, including the $53 million bond issue authorized in September 2014. It was highlighted that projects funded by bond revenues will need to be completed within three years, must be “bricks and mortar” type items, and be student-centric.

The initial suggested Campus Renewal Projects were presented, including: A Building exterior, A building middle level, Adult Education, athletic fields, auditorium, bakery expansion, cafeteria, Cernan Center, Child Development Center, Cox auditorium, demonstration kitchen, student spaces, greenhouses, science labs, Fitness Center, Admissions area, second floor of the Student Center, T building exterior, Tactical Training Facility and
shooting range (would include community partners; not strictly a bond revenue project), and window systems. It was pointed out that educational professionals will be consulted in designing spaces, that employees in spaces to be rehabilitated will have input, and that student input will be sought. Ms. Gonzalez commented that she is glad to hear about student lounges where people can meet and interact with others.

Audience comments included discussion of the tactical training and shooting range being just for law officers and not for the public, several audience members volunteering to help with the Veterans project, and a discussion of sustainable components in projects. Suggestions for other projects included increasing internet capacity, renovating the B Building Pavilion, and additional bike racks.

There was comment that more students need to hear what is going on. Chairman Stephens invited all to attend Board meetings, to spread to word to their friends, and to speak with the Student Trustee. He also stated, for the record, that if a student group wants to meet with him and a date can be agreed upon, he will be there. Dr. Granados suggested that deans and other administrators can attend TCSA meetings, and Open Forums can also be held.

Mr. Stephens expressed that he would like to get as much input as possible, and anyone with further ideas or suggestions should send an email to the President’s Office or call him through the President’s Office or send him an email. Other ways to communicate are to speak with a vice president or dean. Students are encouraged to use their Student Trustee or come to a Board meeting.

Chairman Stephens acknowledged three emails he received from Marzena Abrahamik, Debra Krukowski, and Antigone Sharris and asked that they be included in the meeting record. These emails are attached and made part of the record.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Viverito. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens
Board Chairman

Diane Viverito
Board Secretary

Susan Page, Recording Secretary
Hello Chairman Stevens,

I'm excited with the opportunities to come as a result of these renewal projects for our students and community! I teach on Tuesday nights this term and will not be able to attend this meeting.

So, here are my thoughts...

First off, ENT had a +20% increase in enrollment this term. We now are over 1,000 credit hours. The demand for our students is high in the field. Interlake-Metalux in Melrose Park has hired three of our students and is looking for more. Ditto for Dynomax, Inc., over in Wheeling. On the other end, local grade schools thru high schools are after us to collaborate and work with them. We just hosted 32 8th graders in our labs from Manheim Middle School this morning for Manufacturing Day, a national level day of recognition of Manufacturing. We had a VP from CNA come and visit along with a computer foundation organization. I can see we can do more and grow the program to new heights, helping other programs related to us along the way, while concurrently helping Triton overall.

Right now, Engineering Technology is mostly in building T. Scheduling will become challenging working within the three labs we have as enrollment increases. I'm also looking to add welding, adding the need for a fourth lab. I still have one 'stepchild' lab over in M building I want to see moved over to our building. Another challenge. On top of it all, T building has constant roof leaks.

So.... thinking....
I remember at one time giving a plan to John Lambrecht about the building. I think it can handle a second floor. If so, I would like to propose adding a second floor to it, with Engineering Technology expanding on the first floor... with... (just thinking more)... Architecture and Visual Communications taking the second floor. Even bring over Independent Building Contractor for the first floor (in the old ACR space)... and add welding there, too! Perhaps complete the second floor by bringing over Computer Information Systems. This would have all of us together, from VIC to ARC.

Having all these programs within walking distance of each other opens up the following opportunities:

- Cross utilization of equipment (maybe ponder the concept of "common labs", like Purdue and IIT do, for the building side of things). Why duplicate equipment purchases if we can design the programs to logistically be able to use the same equipment. Architecture students came by us to use our $14,000 laser just a few weeks ago. Would be cool if they can use it in a more convenient way, down the hall from their class in a common space vs. on the other side of campus.

- Cross over opportunities on curriculum. This exists for VIC, CIS, and ENT. The AutoCAD students of both ARC and ENT programs have similar opportunities.

- Awesome S.T.E.A.M. collaboration opportunities for youth thru adults (S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics)
The real blue sky idea I have is give us our own building. Maybe bring Physics over too. All of us are overlapping in the field anyways.

Maybe.... thinking about "our own building".... maybe redo M building? ARC and CIS are there already. I have one room there still. Maybe bring VIC and ENT there instead of doing a second floor on T? M is a better building because it keeps our equipment on the first floor, easier to move in and out, as well as materials for the lab.

Either way, the results would also include doing a better job of making the labs accessible by our collective group of students outside of class time while keeping thing cost effective for us. This helps our students that are financially and logistically challenged keep up with their workload, helping them achieve their dreams.

I know this is a lot to think about. I don't have it clearly thought out either. I figured I'd put it all on the table for your consideration!

Again, I'm sorry I can't be at Tuesday's meeting. If you would like to discuss this further, please let me know.

Thank you for your time,

Antigone Sharris
Coordinator, Engineering Technology
Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa, Chi Zeta Chapter
Lead Faculty, WaterBotics
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Sent from Samsung tablet:

-------- Original message --------
From: Mark Stephens <markstephens@triton.edu>
Date: 10/03/2014 12:29 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: allstaff <allstaff@triton.edu>
Subject: Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 7 - Bond Revenue Campus Renewal Projects

Colleagues:
From: debra Krukowski
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 7:15 PM
To: Mark Stephens
Subject: Re: Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 7 - Bond Revenue Campus Renewal Projects

This is so great. Can't wait to see the presentation. I think great things are in the near future for our Triton family, thanks for the invite.

Debra Krukowski
DMS program

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 3, 2014, at 12:30 PM, "Mark Stephens" <markstephens@triton.edu> wrote:

Colleagues:

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Mark R. Stephens
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Triton College
From: Marzena Abrahamik  
Sent: Saturday, October 04, 2014 9:04 AM  
To: Mark Stephens  
Subject: Re: Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 7 - Bond Revenue Campus Renewal Projects

Hello Mark,

Thank you for the invite. Unfortunately I teach on Tuesday nights from 6:10-10:40pm and so I cannot attend the meeting.
Best regards,
Marzena

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