Bond Project Update  The Office of the President has received input from across campus following the Bond Revenue Campus Renewal Projects presentation at the Special Board Meeting on October 7. To encourage additional feedback, Chairman Stephens offered one more day to get input and ideas to him through the President’s Office (by October 22). The college needs to move quickly to identify and complete projects within a three-year period. The final recommended projects will be presented in November.

College Leadership  Chairman Mark Stephens announced that the Board of Trustees will speak tonight about succession in leadership as President Granados retires. He indicated that he will advocate not going out for a nationwide search as there are competent, qualified people here.

Congratulations CDC!  Triton’s Child Development Center was awarded the Gold Circle of Quality Award from ExceleRate Illinois. With this achievement comes a bonus of $4,500 from ExceleRate, and this funding will go right into the Child Development program.

ExceleRate Illinois is a statewide quality rating and improvement system for early learning providers. From the ExceleRate website: The Gold Circle of Quality recognizes programs that meet or go beyond the highest quality goals. Gold Circle programs have met the highest quality standards in three areas: learning environment and teaching quality; administrative standards; and staff training and education.

Student Senate Report  Information will be coming soon as the TCSA E-Board plans a Town Hall meeting with a focus on college readiness.

Nuevos Transition  The creation of an Adult Ed kiosk with bilingual staff, a new Bridge Program Office with expanding bridge programs, and shuttle service were reported as some of the resources in place to assist students as they transition from Nuevos to Triton’s campus. In addition, four bilingual Student Success Strategists will be hired to assist with advising Adult Ed students. Following a suggestion from neighborhood groups, Community Outreach meetings to be held in local churches are being planned to discuss the needs and opportunities for the growing Latino population in the college district.

The old Nuevos Horizontes building, now owned by the Village of Melrose Park, is named the Center for Immigration and Development, and Triton maintains a presence there with an information office to assist our students with the transition now and into the future.
$3 million! Chairman Stephens thanked the Governor Quinn Administration for the recent $3 million award for our new Health & Science building procured by Executive Director of College & Community Relations Randy Barnette.

On Time Registration  Communication to students will be key as On Time Registration rolls out, effective Spring 2015. During a progress report on one of the college’s student success initiatives, it was highlighted that students in class on the first day are 4 times more likely to stay in class, and 11 times more likely to continue enrollment within a year. Ensuring that students are in class the first day of the semester is a high impact practice nationwide that the college will now adopt following analysis that shows students who register late don’t stay in school.

Student Trustee Alexis Gonzalez expressed concerns from the TCSA such as students waiting to register because they want a certain instructor, or a student withdrawing from a class and then needing another to take its place. A list of flexible courses that start a little later as well as other communication and advising tools are being developed to implement this cultural shift to help our students be more successful.

Quarterly Grants Report  Awards this quarter amounted to $3,128,624.96. It was noted that some of our multi-year grants, such as TAA and TRIO, are in their final year. Funding requests this quarter included $400,000 from DCEO for the D building roof, and a $100,000 ICCB allocation for twelve additional electronic classrooms. It was reported that the college did not get Title V, and we will have another opportunity to apply in 2016.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved  All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including the Investment of Bond Proceeds 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 October.