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

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

Absent: Mr. Glenn Stam.

With leave of the Board, Mr. Stephens read the following statement from Mr. Stam.

To the Triton College community: I have served on the Triton College Board for 18 years, and have enjoyed those years of service. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Triton district, and to have worked with my fellow Board Members and the College employees. Unfortunately, during the last several years, I have had to deal with difficult personal issues involving my family members’ health. This past fall I anticipated running for re-election in April, 2015, and in fact circulated and filed petitions to run again. Events that followed made me give it another thought, and I came to the decision to withdraw my filing and not run again. Please forgive my absence tonight, but the previously mentioned family health issues left me no choice. I’d like to thank the Chairman for reading this statement, and I look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting. Thank you. Glenn Stam, Triton College Trustee.

Mr. Stephens asked everyone to keep Mr. Stam’s family in their thoughts and prayers.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peluso, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2014 and the Board Retreat of December 16, 2014. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA
Mr. Stephens commented that Action Exhibit 15483 has been pulled.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
None.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Employee Groups
Faculty Association President Stu Sikora welcomed everyone back for the spring semester. He reported that ENT, in conjunction with CIS and the American Association of University Women are hosting TechSavvy in March, a STEM Career Conference designed to attract girls in 6th—9th grades to these fields.
Mid-Management Association President John Cadero reported that on Friday, the Mid-Managers will get together for their annual after-the-holiday gathering for lunch and time together.

Classified Association President Missy Cabrera congratulated Interim President Moore on her appointment, and reported that Classified are planning their In-Service for Wednesday March 18 and are getting ready for contract negotiations.

Adjunct Faculty Association President Bill Justiz reported that adjuncts are actively working with students and noted that Triton Adjunct Michael Kuryla was recently appointed Fire Chief of Berkeley. Mr. Justiz congratulated Ms. Moore on her appointment.

STUDENT SENATE REPORT
TCSA President Alexis Rangel reported that students are working with the Academic Success Center, College Nurse, and Nursing Department to present an Outreach Program on Depression Screening for Students this semester. She also reported that a Meet & Greet was held for new Senators today, petitions are out for a new E-Board, and that she and students will be meeting with AVP’s Lambrecht and Martin regarding student input for B Building renovations.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs/Student Affairs
Ms. Viverito reported that the committee met earlier this month to go over items pertaining to academic and student affairs. She highlighted one item into which a lot of work has gone, Action Exhibit 15493 for the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner.

Finance/Maintenance & Operations
Ms. Peluso reported that the committee met on January 14 and reviewed sixteen new business items. Three items were pulled, and the others are forwarded to the Board with recommendation for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs Doug Olson announced that AVP of Academic Affairs Cheryl Antonich received a Best Practices Award from the Des Plaines Valley Region School/College Alliance for a website to provide electronic access to regional programs of study. This website is a resource to high school and Triton students. Ms. Antonich, who provided essential leadership of this project, said that this was a team effort and credited the academic deans for their work.

Dr. Olson announced that Triton’s Marketing Department received a Bronze Medallion Award from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations for last year’s Annual Report. Marketing staff Anna DeMaine, Jill LoBianco, Alicia Roberson, and Sam Tolia were credited for being instrumental in getting this award.
Dr. Olson also announced that Triton’s Testing Center is now a nationally recognized testing site by the National College Testing Association. AVP of Student Affairs Quincy Martin, Dean of Enrollment Services Amanda Turner, and Testing Center Director Emmanuel Esperanza were applauded for their hard work in getting professional guidelines in place for this certification.

Executive Director of Grants Development Sacella Smith presented the Quarterly Grants report as follows. Grants received include $3 million from the CDB for the H Building, and $500,000 from Westlake for Adult Ed. Ms. Smith pointed out that for state grants, the college has received notices that two of our applications will be late due to the state budget crisis. With the need to diversify our funding stream, fourteen letters of inquiry have been submitted to different agencies. Lastly, the TRIO grant is being worked on and is due next Monday. Chairman Stephens added that the college has been notified by the state of 20 percent cuts across the board for non-essential services.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Mary-Rita Moore thanked the Board for the trust conferred in her as Interim President, and pledged to work to advance the goals of the institution. She reported that the start of the spring semester has gone well, even with the new On-Time Registration, and recognized the many employees who worked to prepare for the arrival of our students.

Ms. Moore shared that the final 50th Anniversary celebrations are coming up: the Golden Anniversary Alumni event on February 25, and the Gala on April 25. She invited all to be part of that celebration to commemorate the college’s 50th anniversary.

President Moore reminded that Black History Month begins next week, and recognized the Black Heritage Council and the student My Roots club for the month-long celebration they have planned. The President encouraged all to take part in the educational and motivating events that are available.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
Chairman Mark Stephens discussed the fiscal condition of the State of Illinois, the new Governor’s plans to get state finances in order, and the ramifications for Triton College. He credited everyone at the college for doing a fantastic job for getting the most “bang for the buck” and moving the institution forward despite declining state funding. Mr. Stephens stated that the college needs to step up our presence in Springfield with meaningful impact. He reported that he went to the Governor’s Inauguration and has met with ICCTA and ICCB leadership. He is currently reaching out to get audience with new education director James Meeks, whom he hopes to have on campus to see what we do.

Mr. Stephens commented that enrollment is down 3 percent, and stated that he understands that On-Time Registration may have had some effect, but it is absolutely crucial that we continue to make strides to increase enrollment. He doesn’t see property taxes or tuition as options, so the focus must be on building enrollment. Mr. Stephens noted that a meeting is planned for next week to discuss enrollment and how to communicate to the district about
Triton College and how we can be of help to them. Chairman Stephens encouraged employees to maximize their efforts to show an increase in enrollment next term.

Chairman Stephens spoke of the passing of his favorite Cubs player, Ernie Banks. Appropriate to being on the verge of Black History Month, Mr. Stephens commented that Ernie Banks was a trailblazer in the league, and his positivity and attitude are who he was.

Mr. Stephens announced that he has asked the President to present reports on a monthly basis on the progress of the $53 million campus renewal projects. These presentations will begin next month and will be an opportunity to keep the Board and public informed.

Chairman Stephens commented that he had a wonderful Christmas that included his Mom over with the whole family, and he hopes everyone had a good holiday.

Lastly, Mr. Stephens reminded that the Board will continue its Board Retreat on March 17 with the Board Self-Evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION EXHIBITS
With no objection from the Board, Mr. Stephens asked for the Action Exhibits to be taken as a group, including:

15481 Budget Transfers
15482 Fee Waiver for the Cook County Clerk’s Office
15483 This action exhibit was pulled
15484 Amended FY 15 Agreement with Broadway Electric
15485 Amended FY 15 Agreement with Mas Plumbing
15486 Orange Crush Parking Lot Renovations – Phase 2, Bid Package #4, Change Order #1
15487 AT&T Rate Agreement for Telephone/Data Service
15488 Redrock Software License Agreement
15489 Affiliation Agreement with Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, Inc.
15490 Memorandum of Agreement with the Loyola University Medical Center
15491 Educational Affiliation Agreement with Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation D/B/A Advocate Medical Group
15492 Patient Resource Volunteer Agreement with the American Cancer Society, Inc.
15493 Contract with Rosemont Catering for 50th Anniversary Gala
15494 Out-of-Radius Travel Requests

Ms. Peluso made a motion to approve the Action Exhibits, seconded by Mrs. Potter. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

PURCHASING SCHEDULES
None.
BILLS AND INVOICES
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to pay the Bills and Invoices in the amount of $3,169,867.47.

Roll Call Vote:
Affirmative: Ms. Gonzalez, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Moritz, Ms. Peluso, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Viverito.
Absent: Mr. Stam.

Motion carried 6-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION
Ms. Peluso made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss and consider the hiring, discipline, performance, and compensation of certain personnel, matters of collective bargaining, acquisition of real property, and matters of pending, probable, or imminent litigation, seconded by Ms. Moritz.

Roll Call Vote:
Affirmative: Ms. Gonzalez, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Moritz, Ms. Peluso, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Viverito.
Absent: Mr. Stam.

Motion carried 6-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes. The Board went into Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
Mr. Johnson made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Ms. Peluso.

Roll Call Vote:
Affirmative: Ms. Gonzalez, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Moritz, Ms. Peluso, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Viverito.
Absent: Mr. Stam.

Motion carried 6-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:29 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

1.0 Faculty
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve pages 1 and 2 of the Human Resources Report, items 1.1.01 through 1.9.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.
2.0 Adjunct Faculty
Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peluso, to approve pages 3 through 7 of the Human Resources Report, items 2.1.01 through 2.7.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

3.0 Administration
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve pages 8 through 11 of the Human Resources Report, items 3.1.01 through 3.3.19. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously with the exception of sections 3.2 and 3.3 which carried 5-1 with Ms. Moritz voting no and the Student Trustee voting yes.

4.0 Classified, Police & Engineers
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to approve pages 12 and 13 of the Human Resources Report, items 4.1.01 through 4.7.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

5.0 Mid-Management
Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peluso, to approve pages 14 and 15 of the Human Resources Report, items 5.1.01 through 5.4.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

6.0 Hourly Employees
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moritz, to approve pages 16 through 21 of the Human Resources Report, items 6.1.01 through 6.6.09. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

7.0 Other
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve page 22 of the Human Resources Report, items 7.1.01 through 7.4.02. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Ms. Peluso to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Viverito. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens          Diane Viverito
            Board Chairman              Board Secretary

Susan Page
Susan Page, Recording Secretary