CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chairman Mark Stephens called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Boardroom at 6:53 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

Present: Ms. Alexis Gonzalez, Mr. Glover Johnson, Ms. Donna Peluso, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Mr. Glenn Stam, Mr. Mark Stephens.

Absent: Ms. Vanessa Moritz, Ms. Diane Viverito.

Mr. Stephens noted that Ms. Viverito is vacationing and Ms. Moritz extends her apologies for not being able to attend.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stam, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2015. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA
None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
None.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Employee Groups
Classified Association President Missy Cabrera reported that Classified In-Service is tomorrow with a Mardi Gras theme. She shared the giveaways with Trustees.

Adjunct Faculty Association President Bill Justiz reported that Adjuncts have been very busy. Adjunct Sean Flynn was promoted to the rank of Assistant Deputy Chief Paramedic with the Chicago Fire Department. In addition, Mr. Justiz and his students raised $2,200 in a St. Baldrick’s fundraiser.

STUDENT SENATE REPORT
TCSA President Alexis Rangel reported that the Depression Screening for Students held on March 10 was a success, with a lot of students taking advantage and getting hints for dealing with stress. She also reported that students are preparing to go to Springfield for Advocacy Day on April 29.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
Academic Affairs/Student Affairs
Mr. Olson reported that the committee went through related Action Exhibits and received a report on Strategic Planning. The committee agreed to forward all items to the Board for consideration.
Finance/Maintenance & Operations

Ms. Peluso reported that the committee met on March 5 and reviewed thirteen new business items and five Purchasing Schedules, and approved them for forwarding to the Board. In addition, the committee heard from the companies who had submitted proposals for the copiers on campus. As a result, new specs are being developed and new quotes will be sought. Chairman Stephens explained how the original proposal was pulled as an action exhibit and referred to the Finance Committee, and the need to be cautious with this complicated request for proposals.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs Doug Olson reported that Triton received a state award from the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) for installing a Photovoltaic System in 2014, helping Illinois achieve its Renewable Portfolio Standard which requires at least 25 percent of the state’s electricity supply coming from clean energy by year 2025. AVPs Cheryl Antonich and John Lambrecht, and Deans Chuck Bohleke, Paul Jensen, and Ric Segovia, along with Arcon architect Gaspar Pitrello, were recognized for their collaborative work in the solar panel installation at the Cernan Center.

Faculty Ched Pagtakhan was congratulated on his receipt of the 2014 Culinary Educator of the Year award from the American Culinary Federation Windy City Professional Culinarians for his work with students in the HIA program.

Strategic Plan Update: Director of Planning & Accreditation Pamela Perry presented a semi-annual update on the Strategic Plan as follows. The Strategic Plan is a three-prong strategy for meeting the college mission by increasing college readiness, improving completion, and closing skill gaps. There are 29 distinct actions in progress, and Ms. Perry highlighted several of them including aligning high school curriculum, recruiting efforts with Triton Ambassadors, the summer 2015 Jump Start program, and a streamlined curriculum review. Chairman Stephens commented that some of these points in the Strategic Plan have been part of the discussion about at-risk students. He stressed that the college must be thinking about that situation and work to serve these people. The Board discussed the need for people to make a wage they can live on and issues created by the changing industrial base of the district. Mr. Stephens reminded that we must look at, and serve, our customer base. Ms. Perry concluded that the next step for the Strategic Plan is for the Core Team, which is the President’s Cabinet, to evaluate the results and decide on changes for the FY 2016 plan. The Strategic Plan will be brought forward for review every six months.

Campus Renewal Update: AVP of Facilities John Lambrecht provided the following update on Campus Renewal projects. The hottest project is the East Campus Athletic Complex with bids to be opened next Monday, contracts coming to the April Board, and construction to start immediately after and through November 2015. Mr. Stephens asked President Moore to get communication out to other schools and groups who have teams to build a buzz about this. The Demo Kitchen and Bistro are in the Board Book tonight for approval, with construction to start in May 2015 and ready for the fall. Bakery expansion construction will
begin in June 2015. The Early Childhood Development Center design is being finalized and construction will be fall 2015 through spring 2016. The Architecture program relocation is being designed with students from the program, and the Engineering Technology program relocation/expansion plan is being finalized with faculty in that program. The gun range space is still being assessed within the community. The temporary Veterans Resource Center will be completed in six-seven weeks. Discussions will begin soon with Adult Education staff and consultant Dr. Patricia Granados about that space on the A building second floor. The Cernan Center projector will be installed in April with new seating and finishing coordinated this summer. Engineering is in process for the Cox Auditorium, with that work to occur in August. For other projects, including student spaces, greenhouses, gym, fitness center, and Student Center, planning meetings are ongoing.

Emergency Repair at M Building: Mr. Lambrecht reported on the power outage to the M Building on March 5 and repairs needed. There was a short in a high voltage cable that took out power to the building and the servers to the entire college for 15 hours. The building is running from a generator now and the underground cable needs to be replaced. The cost is currently estimated at $125,000, and insurance will cover the entire loss. President Moore expressed her thanks to employees for reaching out to students during this time, and reported that some of the college’s emergency planning went into action.

Contract Negotiations: Vice President of Business Services Sean Sullivan reported that three out of seven employee group unions have contracts that expire on June 30 this year. Negotiations have begun with fulltime faculty, with an agreement to limit negotiations to 3 items. Engineers and Classified are setting dates to begin negotiations with the goal of all three contracts being settled, including the completion of final contract language, by June 30.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Mary-Rita Moore stated her appreciation of the Golden Anniversary Alumni event and thanked the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee, Sub-Committees, and Alumni Office for a wonderful opportunity to recognize Triton alumni. She reminded that there are only two weeks remaining to purchase tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala.

Ms. Moore thanked the students for a new student event that took place on March 4, called Tea Time with Women of Triton College. This was planned by the students in conjunction with Women’s History Month.

President Moore reported that the college is in Spring Break, which presents the opportunity for our employees to engage in professional development. Administrators, Classified, and Mid-Managers all have Retreat and In-Service activities this week, which the President supports.

Lastly, Ms. Moore thanked Trustee Glenn Stam for his service to the Board since 1997.
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Mark Stephens commented on the good budget news from Springfield, with community colleges not taking a hit in state funding. He acknowledged college employees for the hard work they do servicing the needs of people in our community that universities do not. Mr. Stephens hopes that the students bring that message when they go to Springfield for Advocacy Day.

Trustee Potter left the Board table at 8:23 pm and returned at 8:26 pm.

Mr. Stephens encouraged all to buy their tickets and be at the Gala on April 25 at the Convention Center in Rosemont.

Chairman Stephens noted that the Village of Berkeley Community Roundtable Discussion has been finalized on May 4 here at Triton, which will be a good opportunity to have community leaders on campus.

Mr. Stephens reminded all to exercise their right to vote on April 7.

Trustee Johnson represented Triton at the Illinois Community College Trustees Association meeting on March 13 and 14 and reported as follows. The group celebrated the state’s flat budget for community colleges. There was a presentation on community colleges granting applied baccalaureate degrees in nursing and applied technologies, and the group voted overwhelmingly, 25-1, to continue to investigate that possibility. Trustee roundtable discussion topics included budget, working with Foundations, the Workforce Opportunity Act, lobbying for VA benefits, pensions, and healthcare reform. Dr. Lazaro Lopez, new Chair of the Illinois Community College Board spoke to the group, and Mr. Johnson invited him to visit Triton. Mr. Johnson concluded that he was impressed by the commitment level by the ICCTA and Presidents in Illinois and stated that if we are going to build a new economic engine in Illinois, it starts with community colleges.

Chairman Stephens added that there are expansive efforts on community colleges granting baccalaureate degrees; in Florida, for example, there are many bachelor degrees offered by community colleges. Mr. Stephens stated that Triton must have versatility, and while we are a bedrock as a community college to get students through to a university, we have to serve the whole district – including the large amount of high school dropouts. He discussed the group that has been looking at models of how to serve the at-risk group and his aspiration to create opportunities for the residents of our district to gain good, life-supporting jobs that give people something better than bare survival.

Mr. Stephens spoke of what makes a good Trustee: a person who cares about the community and has an interest in doing the right thing; a person like Glenn Stam. He recalled that since 1997, he and Trustee Stam have been walking the community every six years and expressed that it has been a pleasure to be serving on the Board with him for the past 18 years. This is Mr. Stam’s final meeting as he retires from the Board of Trustees, and he was presented a
plaque in appreciation of his service to the community, students, and Board of Trustees of Triton College. Mr. Stam stated his appreciation of the accolades and commented that circumstances with his family dictate that he spend his time elsewhere, so he will not be running for re-election. He thanked the Board for their camaraderie and friendship. Trustee Stam was honored by all in the room with a standing ovation.

NEW BUSINESS

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

15505 Budget Transfers
15506 Disposal of Obsolete Computer Equipment
15507 Intergovernmental Agreement with Oak Park River Forest High School
15508 Purchase of Computers from Heartland Business Systems
15509 Purchase of Memory Modules from Heartland Business Systems
15510 Purchase of Computer Monitors from Heartland Business Systems
15511 Purchase of Laptop Units from Heartland Business Systems
15512 Purchase of Laptop Carts from B & H
15513 Agreement with Dr. Nancy McNerney
15514 Agreement with Screenvision
15515 Release and Donation of College Property: HVAC Program Equipment and Materials
15516 Waiver of Facility Rental Fee for Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Meeting
15517 Waiver of Room Rental Fee for Village of Berkeley Community Roundtable
15518 Out-of-Radius Travel Requests

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

PURCHASING SCHEDULES
B37.11 District-wide Schedule of Classes – Fall 2015
B37.12 Continuing Ed Guide – Summer 2015
B37.13 Trash Removal / Recycling Services
B37.14 Shredding Services
B37.15 Demonstration Kitchen Renovations Phase 2

Ms. Peluso made a motion to approve the Purchasing Schedule, seconded by Mrs. Potter. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.
BILLS AND INVOICES
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stam, to pay the Bills and Invoices in the amount of $2,453,368.45.

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

Motion carried 5-0 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 Mr. Johnson.

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

Motion carried 5-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes. The Board went into Closed Session at 8:47 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. Peluso, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Stam, Mr. Stephens.
   Absent: Ms. Moritz, Ms. Viverito.

Motion carried 5-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes. The Board returned to Open Session at 9:48 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

1.0 Faculty
   No action on page 1 of the Human Resources Report.
2.0 Adjunct Faculty
Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peluso, to approve pages 2 through 4 of the Human Resources Report, items 2.2.01 through 2.9.03. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

3.0 Administration
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve page 5 of the Human Resources Report, items 3.1.01 through 3.2.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

4.0 Classified, Police & Engineers
Mr. Stam made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peluso, to approve pages 6 and 7 of the Human Resources Report, items 4.1.01 through 4.6.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

5.0 Mid-Management
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve page 8 of the Human Resources Report, item 5.1.01 through 5.2.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

6.0 Hourly Employees
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stam, to approve pages 9 through 14 of the Human Resources Report, items 6.1.01 through 6.4.05. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

7.0 Other
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve pages 15 and 16 of the Human Resources Report, items 7.1.01 through 7.4.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Mr. Stam to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Peluso. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens
   Board Chairman

Diane Viverito
   Board Secretary

Susan Page
   Recording Secretary