FY 2016 Budget Hearing  The annual budget hearing was conducted with no questions from the audience. Projected revenues are $57,180,708 with projected expenditures of $67,487,434; any deficit spending will come from the college’s projected reserve of $15.8 million. Highlighted were Triton’s low taxes and the reserve that has been built up over the years so that the college can now put a substantial amount back into the institution.

Kudos to Adjunct Faculty  Adult Ed ESL Instructor Phyllis Barnum has been selected as a Reviewer for the Latin American Journal of Content & Language Integration. Sociology Instructor Kimberly Reed’s first book, Minimizing our Margins: Women Entrepreneurs Suburbia, is now available in paperback.

TRiO Grant  The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Triton a second cycle of TRiO funding. Dean of Academic Success Debbie Baness King and her team, working in collaboration with the Grants Development Office, were congratulated for securing this important Student Support Services grant of more than $1 million over the next five years!

Campus Renewal
The Athletic Complex is progressing nicely with building foundations complete and exterior walls going up on the athletic buildings. The turf for the All-Purpose field (shown in final plan – far right) will be installed next week. The Bakery Expansion and Cox Auditorium projects are before the Board for approval at this meeting.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved  All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including the Faculty and Engineers negotiated agreements 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.
Chairman’s Report

- A **Special Board Meeting** was announced for **Tuesday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m.** for the purpose of interviewing the eight candidates for the vacant Trustee position.

- The **Presidential Search Committee** members are final: Trustees Glover Johnson and Luke Casson, Vice Presidents Sean Sullivan and Doug Olson, Community members Stephen Kubiczky and Roberto Sepulveda, Faculty Stu Sikora and Pat Knol, Mid-Managers John Cadero and Rosa Preston, Classified Missy Cabrera and Renee Swanberg, Students Gustavo Muñoz and Eddy Hinojosa, and Adjunct Faculty Bill Justiz and Ed Konstanty. The committee plans to hold its first meeting next week.

- The **H Building Grand Opening** was announced for Tuesday, September 29 with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10 a.m.

- Trustee Luke Casson was appointed to the Board Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee.

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**Strategic Plan**  Improvements and adjustments have been made to the Strategic Plan for FY 16 with a focus on 1) Increasing College Readiness, 2) Improving College Completion, and 3) Closing Skill Gaps. See the plan and additional info [here](#).

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**Organizational Changes**  One action item in the Strategic Plan that has been accomplished involves the alignment of departmental areas to further institutional goals. President Moore reported on changes that include bringing the areas of accreditation, planning, research, alumni, institutional effectiveness, and grants under a Senior Executive of Institutional Advancement, and the areas of marketing, public relations, and community relations under a Senior Executive of Public Affairs. In addition, positions have been added to strengthen curriculum and increase enrollment, including associate deans in Health Careers, Business & Technology, and College Readiness, as well as positions in Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment and Continuing Education. These changes are now being communicated at various venues across campus and will be shared at the Fall Faculty and Adjunct Faculty Workshops.