**Tax Levy**  The 2015 proposed Tax Levy represents a less than 1 percent increase to taxpayers. However, the college will realize a 3.87 percent increase due to new property added to the tax base.

**Audit Committee**  At its annual Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board reviewed the audit and learned from Crowe Horwath that this was a completely clean audit report with no findings. The Management Letter included some procedural or best-practice issues that will be be adopted before next year’s audit.

**Student News**  The TCSA is gathering signatures in support of MAP grant funding, to be compiled and sent to Springfield.

**Campus Renewal**  The status of all projects was reviewed. Highlights included the near completion of Athletics, completion of the Cernan Center, ongoing Bakery Expansion, Engineering Technology relocation and Architecture relocation. Purchasing Schedules for the Greenhouse Renovation are on tonight’s Board agenda for approval, and the Early Childhood Education project will be out-to-bid soon. The latest plans for the R Building and B Building renovations were also presented.

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**R Building Renovation  4/16 – 8/16**

**Athletic Complex**
The East Campus Athletic Complex is substantially complete this week! The Business Office is setting rental pricing, investigating partnerships, and working to develop tournaments to bring people on campus and fully utilize the new facilities.

**Congratulations!**  Kudos to Faculty Christina Brophy on the publication of her first book, *Women, Reform, and Resistance in Ireland, 1850-1950*. 
State Budget Impasse  The impact to the college community of the continuing state budget impasse highlighted that zero funding from the state amounts to a loss of $6-9 million for FY 16, no funding of the MAP grant amounts to $1.4 million, no funding for Adult Ed costs $1.2 million, and the enrollment decline has resulted in a loss of $2 million in revenue. Action taken to address the shortfall thus far include: meeting with Union leadership for ideas on cost-savings, reviewing vacant positions, identifying 30 percent non-personnel budget reductions, and placing limitations on travel and meeting expenses. Now under consideration is the deferral of proposed bond projects. Information will go out to employee groups and the college community for their input before this is brought to the Board.

Travel Policy  The Board Travel Policy is under discussion on campus following a recommendation by the HLC. Travel may become an informational item in the Board Book.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved  All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including the 2016 Health Benefit Plan Employee Co-Premium Rates and Curriculum Recommendations. See the Board of Trustees website for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in November.

Board Self-Evaluation  The Board Self-Evaluation was deferred to a later date when all Trustees can be present for the discussion.

Community Demographics  Consultant Dr. Nancy McNerney presented data defining the Triton District Profile, the Triton Student Profile, and a comparison to other Illinois community colleges, including statistics on the population and job market.