Trustee Glenn Stam To Retire

Chairman Stephens read a letter from Trustee Glenn Stam announcing his retirement in April after having served the Triton College district for 18 years. Mr. Stam will not be running for re-election in April, 2015 due to personal issues involving his family members’ health.

AVP of Academic Affairs Cheryl Antonich and academic deans Ric Segovia, Chuck Bohleke, Virginia Cabasa-Hess, and Paul Jensen were on hand (Dean Hughes was not present) to accept a Des Plaines Valley Region School/College Alliance Best Practices Award for their work on a website to provide electronic access to regional programs of study. See the website here to see this resource available to all district students.

Our Marketing Department was honored with a Bronze Medallion from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations for last year’s Annual Report. Marketing staff Anna DeMaine, Alicia Roberson, Jill LoBianco, and Sam Tolia (not pictured) were applauded for their contributions.

Triton’s Testing Center is now recognized as a national testing site by the National College Testing Association. AVP Quincy Martin, Testing Center Director Emmanuel Esperanza, and Dean Amanda Turner were recognized for their work in putting the professional guidelines in place for this certification.
Action Exhibits Approved  All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including the contract for the 50th Anniversary Gala site, 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 January.

Chairman’s Report

- Chairman Stephens discussed the financial situation in Springfield under the new Governor and ramifications for Triton College. He met recently with ICCB and ICCTA leaders to convey Triton’s message, and is committed to stepping up Triton’s presence with meaningful impact.

- A meeting is being sought with new head of the ISBE James Meeks to convey the message of the phenomenal job Triton has done in moving the institution forward.

- With enrollment down 3 percent, Mr. Stephens stated, “It is absolutely crucial that we continue to make strides in enrollment. There is nowhere to go with property taxes and we cannot price students out of the market on tuition. We need to get our message out. We need to communicate to the district that Triton can be of help to them.” The Chairman encouraged employees to maximize efforts to show an increase in enrollment next term.

- February is Black History Month, and Mr. Stephens spoke of the passing of Cubs player Ernie Banks, who was a trailblazer in the league.

- Beginning in February, reports will be given monthly at Board meetings to keep the Board and public informed of progress on the campus renewal projects.

- A Board Retreat will be held on March 17 to accomplish the Board’s self-evaluation.

Mary-Rita Moore’s first Board meeting as Interim President brought congratulations from several employee groups on her appointment. President Moore thanked the Board for the trust conferred in her, and pledged to work to advance the goals of the institution. Ms. Moore recognized the many employees who worked to prepare for the spring semester, which included the roll-out of our new On-Time Registration.
Coming Events

- Mid-Managers will meet on Friday for their annual After-the-Holiday lunch and social gathering.
- Classified are planning their In-Service for Wednesday March 18.
- Students are working with the Academic Success Center, College Nurse, and Nursing Department to present an Outreach Program on Depression Screening for Students during this spring semester.

**Black History Month** kicks off next week.

See the many educational and motivating events coordinated by the college’s Black Heritage Council and *My Roots* student club [here](#), in celebration of “A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture.”

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Triton’s ENT department, in collaboration with CIS and the American Association of University Women, is hosting *TechSavvy* on March 21. *TechSavvy* is a daylong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in 6th – 9th grades to these fields and to inform families about STEM education and careers.

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**The Triton College 50th Anniversary Gala**

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 9291 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, IL

**Click on the box for event info**