Hot Topics

• Kay Frey informed the Council that it was brought to her attention that there was another campus shooting and asked if this is a topic the Council should monitor and discuss on a regular basis. Mary-Rita Moore stated that a member from the Crisis Management Committee would be added to the next agenda and provide an update to the Council in support of ongoing dialogue.

• Pamela Perry informed the Council that the Campus Quality Committee brought forward a concern regarding campus scheduling and faculty who are scheduled in back-to-back courses at buildings across campus and how that interferes with their ability to address student questions and concerns after class. The Council discussed, and while this problem doesn’t seem to affect a large number of faculty, Business Services will be looking into this matter for additional information and possible solutions.

• Mary-Rita Moore encouraged the Council to share any comments or feedback they might have regarding the communication that was sent from her office regarding the State Budget Impasse. She emphasized the importance of working together as college community to forward ideas and suggestions in support of the institution’s commitment to providing the best resources and services to Triton students while still operating within fiscal means.

Operational Assembly

• Shelley Tiwari, Chairperson of the Operational Assembly, reported that the October Operational Assembly meeting had not yet taken place and that she would include details from that meeting at next month’s College Council meeting.

Academic Senate

• Dr. Michael Flaherty, Chairperson of the Academic Senate, reported that the Curriculum Committee approved a new course called Rhetoric 097 that will start in Fall 2016. In addition he mentioned there is a new AAS degree in Biotechnology for Lab Technicians and the certified Medical Assistant program has been reactivated and revised. The Academic Standards Committee has a prior learning assessment catalog, available at www.triton.edu/priorlearning. The 2016 Assessment Day will be March 4th, 2016 between 8:00am and 12:30pm. Finally, the Technical Advisory and Distance Education Committee is looking into a mentoring committee for new faculty especially those who will be teaching online.

Old Business

• HLC Monitoring Report A – Mary-Rita Moore announced that she received a response from the HLC regarding Monitoring Report A which stated that the HLC found the institution’s response outlined in section 1 to be sufficient. However, in section 2, they felt that the institution still needs to do some work on our travel policy and how that relates to our code of ethics policy.

• Assessment of Business Practices and Policies – Kevin Kennedy informed the Council that the team tasked with putting together electronic forms for budget transfers and components related to the travel policy, has come together and included himself, Kay Frey, Bill Justiz, Dr. Chuck Bohleke, Michael Garrity, Jim Reynolds and Danielle Stephens. In addition, he would like to add a full-time faculty member to the group. He stated that he hopes to have a rough template of the electronic budget transfer form to show the Council within a few weeks.

New Business

• Strategic Plan Action Update – Paul Jensen, Dean of Continuing Education and Action Champion of Strategic Action 5.3 – Develop and Implement Educational Pathways that Include Accelerated and Competency-Based Approaches, gave an overview of the dynamics between the Department of Education and accreditation bodies such as the HLC around developing a rigorous standard for competency-based education. He informed the Council that Triton was moving in the direction of taking a competency and tying it into a credit-hour course. The two curricula that have been identified for this direction are the Business Management Certificate and the Cybersecurity Certificate.

• HLC Monitoring Report C – Pamela Perry gave the Council a presentation on Monitoring Report C, which covers Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. Detailed in this presentation was the new budget process for FY 2017, which is the transition to comparative budgeting which involves taking a holistic approach to evaluating funding proposals, priorities and resource allocation.