

Academic Senate

- Michael Flaherty highlighted reports received at Academic Senate as follows. The Academic & Scholastic Standards Committee continues to work toward an acceptable Finals Schedule. The Academic Support Committee continues its work on pairing all College Readiness faculty with a mentor. The Technology Advisory & Distance Education Committee continues working toward getting in-house training for faculty who teach online. Student Development brought forth discussion regarding Triton becoming a safe/welcoming campus for students. A recommendation on this issue is planned at the April Senate meeting.

Student Success

- Shelley Tiwari reviewed the Achieving the Dream Institutional Capacity Framework to create the student-focused culture that promotes student success as including: Leadership & Vision, Data & Technology, Equity, Teaching & Learning, Engagement & Communication, Strategy & Planning, and Policies & Practices. Several attendees of the Dream Institute shared highlights of their experience at the conference.

Old Business

- **College Council Annual Survey** – Pamela Perry continued the discussion already occurring on Blackboard about the College Council Annual Survey, and whether a proposed question asking about interest in serving on the Council should be included. Council voted to exclude it from the survey because it wouldn't bring in much information and might make people think they could be identified. Council decided that the question on years of service will be left in because that data can be used in analysis. A final new question related to student success will be modified. The survey will open Monday, April 3 and close on Friday April 21. It will be advertised in Triton Today, and Council representatives will encourage their constituents to complete the survey.
- **Assessment of Business Practices and Policies** – Kevin Kennedy discussed the goals of this initiative as: streamlining business processes, reducing paper, and improving communications. He reviewed the five forms which have become electronic (Budget Transfer, Expense Reimbursement, Grant Account Creation, Travel Request, and Claim for Reimbursement), and the many Board Policies that were revised for efficiencies, including the Travel Policy. To improve communications, the website is going to be overhauled within the next year and a half.

New Business

- **Strategic Plan Update** – Kevin Li presented an update on the Guided Pathways item in the Strategic Plan. Actions taken last semester included a quantitative survey in Fall 2016 to determine familiarity with Guided Pathways, Meta-Majors, and Triton's Areas of Concentration, followed by a meeting to discuss initial survey findings, and then a qualitative survey in December 2016. Mr. Li discussed the benefits and concerns of Guided Pathways identified in the survey, and also what he learned about the initiative through ATD. Arts & Sciences faculty are currently revising the areas of concentration under the AA degree, to be completed this spring, with revisions going to Curriculum Committee in the fall.

Other

- **College Council Membership** – Current employee group representatives Kay Frey and Maria Correa shared at their In-Services what being on College Council entails. Both the Mid-Management and Classified groups will be holding elections for new members for FY 18.