

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Debbie Baness King, Chuck Bohleke, Dayanne Figueroa, Michael Flaherty, Mike Garrity, Audrey Jonas, Hilary Meyer, Tom Olson, Pamela Perry, Elise Rapala, Shelley Tiwari, Elizabeth Quan Kiu Vazquez.

Absent: Alexis Borrego, Hector Zavala.

Others Present: Cheryl Antonich, Joe Klinger, Lauren Kosrow, Kevin Li, Ric Segovia, Sacella Smith, Kurian Tharakunnel, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Bohleke made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 College Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Garrity. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Garrity presented the following items from the February 14 Operational Assembly meeting. SEM recently had a group go downstate for a planning process network meeting sponsored by the Illinois Community College Board. There was an outside speaker at that meeting who talked about strategies that work (and don't) and how to refocus enrollment efforts. Comment was made that it is beneficial that Triton has its data person on the SEM committee. President Moore asked that Council receive future sharing from SEM through Operational Assembly.

Mr. Garrity continued that the Technology representative reported working on the website migration, including new images from marketing. Also, the new Online Scholarship platform is live, which interacts with Colleague. Human Resources reported that the health tax forms were mailed, and that HR is working with IT on a directory for the new website that will be more user-friendly. Student Affairs reported attending training as part of the Department of Justice grant for prevention of violence against women, and that the new Online Smart Catalog is live.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Dr. Flaherty reported that from Curriculum Subcommittee, the AGS and AA degrees have gone down to a 60 credit minimum. All Chairs responsible for AA degrees have been asked to revise curriculum with a goal of being effective Fall 2018. There was discussion that revisions already being planned for Pathways are not being put aside, but those changes will take longer.

Dr. Flaherty continued that Student Development re-wrote their bylaws, and Professional Development are going to change their bylaws as they relate to membership from Arts & Sciences and Career areas. TADEC is working hard on training for faculty who want to teach online, and a pilot program will start shortly after the HLC Visit.

President Moore added that from the recommendation she received from Senate Subcommittees regarding graduation policies, modifications to the policies are going to the Board of Trustees for a first reading tomorrow, with a second reading in March.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ms. Tiwari reported that she continues to work on the idea of getting information to students about the impact of class withdrawal before a withdrawal can be made, as was mentioned in the discussions on NCCCP data.

A presentation was given on COL 102 that highlighted the following. The course was revised in 2014 and given substance and grit, sections were increased, and there is now a mandatory placement policy. Success Navigator predictive analytics was explained as how we identify students with a high risk of dropping out. Statistics were given on the success rates of students who do take COL 102. Of the 300 students who placed in the “likely to drop out” range, 69 enrolled in COL 102. Improvement is needed in having students take the test seriously, and also in the mandatory placement process. While placement is mandatory per policy, there is no hold placed on the student to make it so. President Moore asked to see changes in the process and to see statistics from fall to spring semesters.

OLD BUSINESS

HLC FINANCIAL PANEL REVIEW RESPONSE

Ms. Perry reported that HLC accepted Triton’s report in full, and she will post it this afternoon and send the link to College Council. She noted that we will still be in the negative, which will trigger a report, but that is to be expected. The report was accepted because we have a solid plan for recovery. President Moore added that this was the best report we could receive.

HLC VISIT PREPARATION

Ms. Perry announced that the HLC Visit is a week from today, and thanked College Council and all others throughout campus who participated in preparing for the visit. She reported that the Mock Visit sessions were very successful, with a higher turnout than expected. Ms. Jonas reported that the review of facilities was also successful, with great cooperation received from the Facilities Department. She thanked everyone on her Team and all those involved in the review of the campus and the website.

Dr. Flaherty asked if the visiting team expects people to know what’s in the Assurance Argument, and Ms. Perry replied that the visiting team wants to hear about people’s experience beyond what’s in the Assurance Argument. Knowing the Assurance Argument gives one a base level of knowledge to understand why they are asking questions about a particular topic, and the team will expect different people to have different slices of information.

Ms. Perry reported that she received the final visit schedule this afternoon, and it will be released to the community by the end of day. There are Open Sessions for the criteria, a Focused Session on governance, and an Open Session called “Drop-In Session” which was unexpected. The focused sessions are by invitation only, and Ms. Perry will be sending emails to those invited.

GOOD NEWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Meyer thanked Council members involved in the blackboard discussion about Good News, and distributed a sample form that is used for Points of Pride. She noted that this topic will be off the College Council agenda now, and Stephen Butera in Public Affairs will receive any Good News submissions, and have editorial license in handling them. An assessment will be completed on this initiative in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

CO-WORKER CONNECT

Ms. Perry reported that the Co-Worker Connect idea came out of the team that worked on Campus Comment. This new idea will involve employee volunteers pairing up with administrators at agreeable times for the purpose of getting to know the employee and their work. It will be presented at the Classified and Mid-Management In-Services, and at the next Administrator meeting. A pilot will be done and then assessed to see if it continues and possibly expands.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Ms. Perry reported that the Campus Comment form is online, and people are using it. The President's Cabinet's role is to report on comments received and actions taken regarding a comment. Reports are then placed on the portal for all employees to view. This initiative will also be assessed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of College Council is scheduled on March 26, 2018, 2-4 p.m.

OTHER

Council membership will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Dr. Baness King, to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Moore adjourned College Council at 3:08 p.m.

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