

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:03 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Erica Baffa, Andrea Bangura, Christopher Clem, Humberto Espino, Dayanne Figueroa, Michael Flaherty, Vezire Osmani, Susan Rohde, Purva Rushi, Megan Sroka, Shelley Tiwari, Kurian Tharakunnel.

Council Members Absent: Kevin Li, James Malarski.

Others Present: Sandra Berryhill, Susan Campos, Maria Correa, Raquel Cotuno, Jean Dugo, Kayla Gagliardi, Nancy Gama Guzman, Paul Jensen, Denise Jones, Debra Kaczmarek, Justyna Koc, Jodi Koslow Martin, Lauren Kosrow, Cora Luster, Nelly Marcial, Selma Mehmedagic, Hilary Meyer, Timothy Nystrom, Gretchen Reyes, Christina Skasa, Briceida Tapia, Norma Villasenor, Calvin Washington II, Brenda Jones Watkins, Leslie Wester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Figueroa made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 College Council meeting, seconded by Dr. Flaherty. The motion carried unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. Tharakunnel reported that Operational Assembly met on December 7 and provided the following highlights. Academic Affairs reported that virtual info sessions for programs offered under the second Workforce Equity Initiative grant will take place in December. Grant funds have been used to purchase equipment for the transition to virtual learning including virtual clinical training for nursing students. Business Services reported completing a second round of encumbrances for FY 21. Budget planning for FY 22 is well underway with budget worksheets due December 16. Budget Presentations will be held the first week in January, and these meetings will be open to the college community. Human Resources reported that the PDC will hold a virtual Afternoon Tea on December 16 at 1:30 p.m. and will be holding various training sessions virtually. Technology reported working on CRM Advise and Blackboard Ultra functionality for the spring semester.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Dr. Flaherty discussed how many Senate subcommittees are taking a long-range approach to working on issues with good results. Curriculum is continuing to approve pathways. Academic & Scholastic Standards is exploring the withdrawal process, gave preliminary ideas of what they are working on, and got good feedback from faculty. Student Development is looking more deeply into how ERL is working and wants to have virtual conversations with students for their input. Academic Support is working on the Student Check-In Survey and also working with CAAS on the demand for class note takers. Campus Quality is looking at

their committee mission. Professional Development is looking for nominations for faculty awards and made some bylaw changes. Assessment had a workshop focusing on ERL's and are working on closing loops on the last assessments. Online Ed & Technology revised their Statement of Purpose which was approved by Senate, and are working on online credentials for faculty and the utilization of Blackboard Ultra. Dr. Flaherty reminded that Senate does not meet in January, so the next meeting is the second Tuesday in February.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ms. Tiwari provided the following Guided Pathways update. Under pillar one, program maps are being finalized and transfer maps are close to being finalized. Five maps went to Curriculum Committee last month, and more are coming in February. The College is looking at a new electronic college catalog vendor to help achieve closer alignment with the design of the program maps that are student friendly. Under pillar two, New Student Orientation was redesigned and includes a career coach assessment.

Dean of Academic Success Hilary Meyer reviewed the Student Check-In Survey which provides a student view of academics and support services. The survey was open November 11-23 and there was a 5% response rate, with 357 surveys completed. Highlights of the results include that students chose classes based on needing a specific course, are looking for excellent teachers, and most are satisfied with ERL courses, feeling comfortable with synchronized classes. Tech needs for students are being met, and more communication is needed about services available to students. Of the students taking the survey, 85 percent plan to register for spring. In answer to a question about what students are most proud of this semester, many answers surrounded the theme of "making it through this difficult time." President Moore indicated that the survey will be made available to Council in Blackboard.

NEW BUSINESS

ENROLLMENT ACTION PLAN, SPOTLIGHT: ADVISING AND COUNSELING

Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs Jodi Koslow Martin, Dean of Students Andrea Bangura, and Dean of Retention & Student Engagement Denise Jones provided an update on the Enrollment Action Plan, highlighting what's new in Advising and Counseling. It was stressed that services are provided in-person and virtually, and the priority is to serve every student with welcome and care. Following an HLC recommendation and the State of Illinois Action on Mental Health, Triton's Advising and Counseling have transitioned to a new model, with more delineated roles and responsibilities. Academic Advisors provides services including registration, program and career exploration, academic planning, transcript evaluation, course withdrawals, and transfer advising. Counseling will be the hub for holistic wellness, support, and mental health services, and will still help students with a lot of services.

A request was made for an updated list of support services for faculty to include in syllabi.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of College Council is January 25, 2021 on Microsoft Teams.

OTHER

As this is the last meeting of 2020, President Moore wished everyone good health and a time to recharge, regenerate, and remain safe during the break.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Figueroa made a motion, seconded by Mr. Espino, to adjourn the meeting. College Council was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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