

Hot Topics: There was discussion of a survey sent to students asking their preference of course modality for fall 2021.

Operational Assembly: Kurian Tharakunnel provided highlights from the February 8 meeting as follows. Academic Affairs reported the website for Amazon programs will be live soon and info sessions for Amazon employee cohort programs will be conducted this week. Black History Month events are underway. TCSA elections will be held in March. A 5-year tuition increase plan is being brought to the Board meeting. Another round of Federal funding related to Covid-19 relief will be coming to the college. The educational training component of the DEI Action Plan will take place this spring. The Assembly is exploring the topic of displaying art in public places in campus buildings.

Academic Senate: Michael Flaherty highlighted the following Senate subcommittee activities reported at the February 9 Senate meeting. Curriculum continues to work with Guided Pathways and approved a new Social Media and Digital Marketing certificate. Academic & Scholastic Standards will continue their discussion of the Withdrawal Policy. Professional Development will now be co-chaired by Roseanne Feltman and Angela Staunton. Assessment is working on communication for Gen Eds. Online Education & Technology is working on Blackboard training with the CTE and discussing the retention tool CRM Advise.

Student Success: Shelley Tiwari provided a Guided Pathways update including the following. Program maps are hoped to be complete and through Curriculum before fall. Part-time maps will be created to provide flexible pathways for part-time students. Mapping rubrics will be added to the Curriculum Handbook. The Pillar 2 group is working toward implementation for CRM Advise, refining the student onboarding process, and planning for the first year experience. A Pillar 3 workgroup has been established to review academic and student support systems and how classes are scheduled.

Kurian Tharakunnel shared results of the Student Satisfaction Survey as follows. The survey was sent to all credit and noncredit students in spring 2020 with a response rate of 12.2%. Overall satisfaction with the Triton College experience is 87% satisfied or very satisfied. Satisfaction in aspects of student services has improved over the last 3 years. Top two reasons for attending Triton are location and cost. 50% of students work more than 21 hours a week. Students withdrawing from classes cite taking care of dependents and lack of finances. 95% of respondents would recommend Triton to a friend or family member.

Annual College Council Survey: Council agreed that the survey should be distributed after Spring Break. Possible changes to the survey could include adding the Non-Bargained-For employee group as a demographic choice and revision to the Guided Pathways questions.

2020 Fact Book: This resource is available on the college's website in the "About" section, and includes important statistics including an organization chart, district demographics, programs of study, student demographics, and enrollment trends.