

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:02 p.m. in B-204.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Purva DeVol, Beth Dunn, Joe Klinger, Jason Lemberg, Hilary Meyer, Ty Perkins, Shelley Tiwari, Kurian Tharakunnel, Mary Wink

Council Members Absent: Frank Alvino, Mark Kouria, Shekinah Lawrence, Colleen Rockafellow, Maria Solorio

Others present: Susan Campos, Mary Casey-Incardone, Michael Garrity, Denise Jones, Brenda Jones Watkins, Justyna Kohtz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lemberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiwari, to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of March 24, 2025. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dean Meyer provided an update on the college recent events and activities. Math Faculty Tina Mote received the Suanne Davis Roueche Faculty Scholarship to attend NISOD's 2025 Annual Conference in San Antonio. Another Math Faculty, Tuan Dean, was featured in a student's essay for NISOD's 2025 Student Essay Contest. The college's production of The Book of Will is scheduled April 18, 19, 25, and 26 in the George R. Cox Auditorium. Calvin Washington II, Business Faculty, received the 2025 ACBSP (Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs) Associate Degree Teaching Excellence Award. The School of Continuing Education (SCE) hosted 20 industry partners from healthcare and manufacturing sectors during PEPA (Pre-Employment and Pre-Apprenticeship) Academy Luncheon on April 4. In partnership with District 97 and Friday Night Place, the SCE provided a youth program to 31 middle school-aged students during our spring break, March 24-27, as an opportunity to learn about different career fields and skills needed in various occupations. In support of Fall 2025 registration, the Admissions Office, in collaboration with Advising, has scheduled multiple events for April and May, including high schools group visits and registration rallies. In the area of Transfer, Ms. Meyer highlighted an On-the-Spot Admissions Event on April 28, with five university partners conditionally admitting students for summer/fall 2025, and the Transfer Center Celebration Luncheon in the Art Gallery on May 1. Triton College's radio station WRRG is celebrating its golden anniversary – a special anniversary open house is scheduled on April 28. The Wall of Fame event featured 4 honorees on April 11. Triton Commencement will be held on May 17 in the Rosemont Theatre. From Financial Aid, a new scholarship platform will be rolled

out on July 1. The summer CE guide has gone to press and will be distributed to homes within our district in a few weeks. Modern Campus website redesign is ongoing. IT is preparing for the fall registration, ensuring fee changes and recently approved curriculum updates are ready. From Research, Spring 2025 SENSE survey results are available on our portal. Heritage celebrations planning is underway to highlight the Jewish, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Haitian heritage with multiple events throughout May.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Senate Chair Dunn reported that the Senate is looking for a new committee chair for Academic and Scholastic Standards while she will chair Senate for 2025/2026 academic year. From College Curriculum, revised courses in VIC, COT, EDU, and SRT. Department Chairs were reminded to be consistent with seat times and breaks, and, if they were to pilot a new course, they are allowed to do so twice in two semesters without going through curriculum. The course would have a 296 course number which indicates "special topics". From the Student Development, Ms. Dunn highlighted the Blood Drive held on April 11 and the Trivia contest that took place on April 3, and will be held again in fall and spring. The Academic Support is considering adding student ID photos to course rosters to promote inclusiveness. From Campus Quality, Ms. Dunn encouraged everyone to attend various Earth Day events that were scheduled throughout April, including Trash Pickup on April 22, Guest Speaker on April 23, One Earth Film Festival on April 24, and the Dark Side if Light at Cernan on April 27. From Professional Development, congratulations to Andrea Blaylock from Engineering Technology, the Outstanding Faculty of the Year, and James Helm from Social Science, the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year. The committee is collaborating with CTE on Faculty In-Service Workshop for fall, trying to identify a theme. In the area of Assessment, the Assessment Day was April 11. Both Assessment Reports and Action Plans are now due April 15. The committee is looking for assessment liaison to collect and compile data as it is much work for one person. Ms. Dunn finished her report with updates from the Online Educational and Technology committee, including ADA compliance by April 2026, updating online teaching credentials, and streamlining the BB online teaching training.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ms. Tiwari presented an overview of the Program Map Notification process that was developed several years ago based on the Guided Pathway framework. She met with all relevant stakeholders to clarify their roles and to improve communication flow. Regular maintenance and awareness of the Guided Pathways is key to keep our students, staff, and community well informed. The process is ongoing and Ms. Tiwari welcomes feedback from different groups to ensure the information about our pathways is current and accurate.

NEW BUSINESS

College Council Membership

President Moore remarked that the term of service for the Adjunct Faculty, Hourly, HR, and Academic representatives comes to an end in June. She is contacting current group representatives to see if they would like to serve another term or if a replacement is needed.

Email Awareness – Testing and Training

Michael Garrity provided an update on the Barracuda email security. He talked about different aspects of cyber security, including spam, malware and threat protection, and an incident response. Mr. Garrity spoke at length about a security awareness training (Barracuda Phishline), which consists of three phases: simulation, the actual training, and reporting. He stressed the importance of the training as email users still fall for the phishing attempts. Mr. Garrity reminded that a campus-wide training for staff is to be completed by May 2 and remarked that his team is considering a similar testing with the Triton students. To check progress, additional testing will be conducted and a more robust training is to be expected in fall.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of College Council is on May 19, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in B204/210.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klinger made a motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.