

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:03 p.m. in the Boardroom A-300.

ATTENDEES

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

Council Members Absent: Beth Dunn, Joe Klinger, Mark Kouria, Colleen Rockafellow, Maria Solorio

Others present: Mary Casey-Incardone, Christina Garcia, Dorothy F. Houlihan, Lisa Huff, Brenda Jones Watkins, Jodi Koslow Martin, Ivette Perez, Julia Willis, Courtney Winfrey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lemberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of May 19, 2025. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

None

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dean Meyer provided the following highlights from the June Operational Assembly. Jason Lemberg has been named interim TRIO Director, in addition to his existing role as Director of Early Alert and Intervention. All services from Educational Technology Resource Center (ETRC) have transitioned to the Library. All campus communication, including webpages, will soon be updated. Admissions held campus tours on June 3 (English) and June 4 (Spanish). Silent Book Club event and a Registration Rally are scheduled on June 18. From Finance, tentative FY26 budget will be presented at the June Board meeting. Cost-neutral requests for FY26 open July 1. From Public Relations & Communications, Ms. Meyer reported the following: 40 videos were produced throughout the year; the car show promo reached over 50,000 views; support was provided for new Barber and Cosmetology programs; the upcoming media campaigns include commercials, billboards, and digital ads. From Facilities and Infrastructure standpoint, many projects in progress, including chillers (J Building), bus shelter, rooftop replacements, Cosmetology lab project, emergency repairs in E Building, as well as bleachers replacement and HVAC upgrades – both to be finished mid-July. From Athletics, a new baseball scoreboard has been installed and the search for the new wrestling coach continues. IT working on wireless network upgrades: 60 outdated access points are replaced; transition to Aruba Central cloud platform is complete; 150 aging access points are still functional but are nearing their end-of-life. Modern Campus website design has been finalized – currently in review/approval stage. From Academic Affairs, Dual Degree Program held the fourth annual orientation on May 29

with 90 attendees; 45 students will join fall 2025 cohort. The week of May 26, Continuing Education launched PEPA Academy, program fully grant-funded, with 29 students in healthcare (8) and manufacturing (21). The program runs daily through June 25, and the site visits include Loyola Gottlieb, Friedman Seating, and SoCal Custom Foods. On Diversity, Equity & Inclusion front, first Pride Picnic is scheduled on June 24 at B Pavilion, with crafts by Library's Kaye and live music provided through our radio partnership.

ACADEMIC SENATE

None.

STUDENT SUCCESS

ReUp: Dean Meyer provided a summary of the ReUp Education, a statewide re-enrollment initiative, fully grant-funded, that focuses on adult learners who stopped attending college before earning a degree or credential. It provides them with mentors and coaches to help them re-enroll and succeed academically. The partnership with ReUp was launched in July 2023 (we are in year 2 of a 3-year agreement) and, as of April 10, 2025, we have 601 re-enrolled students and 51 graduates. Out of the many programs Triton has to offer, the most popular are General Studies and Associates in Arts. Ms. Meyer highlighted that fall 2024 and spring 2025 persistence rate is higher than the ReUp average for community colleges. However, although Triton student engagement is strong, ReUp has made some recommendations to encourage commitment and those include earlier career services, scholarships, and credit evaluation. The most recent enrollment numbers (as of May 28, 2025) are as follows: 32 new and 32 persisting students for summer 2025; 26 new and 55 persisting for the fall 2025. Triton College has many strengths, including low-barrier Admissions, accessible Advising, affordability, and flexible program options, and a couple of areas that need extra attention to maximize resources and overall support for stop-out students. The coordinated effort with ReUp to support adult learners in completing their education will help close equity gaps, expand economic mobility, and strengthen Illinois' talent pipeline.

NEW BUSINESS

Safe Haven: Dean Willis presented a high-level overview of Troy Safe Haven Program, a part of Troy Care Collective, that has been designed to help students maintain their academic focus by addressing their basic needs. The services offered include immediate safe housing through local shelter and hotel partnerships, as well as financial assistance – support with rent, utilities, and security deposits for students in housing crises. Further, the program gives expanded access to food and hygiene supplies through Troy Mart and transportation assistance through Troy Rides for students without reliable transit. For student parents, the program provides childcare referral services through trusted partners, as well as one-time financial subsidies to help cover emergency childcare costs. With a view of supporting students preparing for internships, clinicals, or professional events, Triton College has launched the Troy Style Station Clothing

Closet, which provides business casual and professional wear in all sizes for both men and women. The clothing closet is located in Student Life Office – Room B-280 and is now accepting donations during regular office hours.

Enrollment Action Plan: Vice President Koslow Martin provided a status update on the Enrollment Action Plan that has been designed around the four pillars of the Guided Pathways model. In her presentation, she emphasized the importance of personalized and accurate communication – the key to achieving enrollment targets and creating supportive and engaging environment that promotes student success. VP Koslow Martin further elaborated on different strategies that will be implemented to reach our enrollment goal (12,000 students), including:

1. Piloting Executive Functioning Coaching for credit students – quick sessions on how to stay on track, improve grades, and increase self-confidence;
2. Establishing and implementing clear refund dates and policies for students who drop courses
Courses 5 to 16 weeks:

- 100% Refund – Before or during the first 7 calendar days of the course
- No Refund – After the 7th day

Courses less than 5 weeks:

- 100% Refund – Before the first day of the course
- No Refund – On or after the first day

3. Using Triumph & Surge students to capture data in terms of office visits, workshops, and travel events to determine activities that lead to positive outcomes and begin proactive data-based outreach;

4. Increasing Alternative Application submissions to increase aid to undocumented students.

VP Koslow Martin concluded that, in conjunction with the institutional strategic plan and reflective of offering students welcome and care, the overall intended outcome is increased student enrollment and student success.

FY 26 College Council Meeting Dates:

College Council regular meeting dates for FY 26 are: August 25, 2025; September 15, 2025; October 20, 2025; November 17, 2025; December 15, 2025; January 26, 2026; February 16, 2026; March 23, 2026; April 20, 2026; May 18, 2026; June 15, 2026; and FY 27 Planning Meeting / Retreat is July 13, 2026.

President Moore thanked the College Council members concluding their year on the committee (Joe Klinger, Mark Kouria, Ty Perkins, Maria Solorio, and Mary Wink) and shared that the search is ongoing for the Academic Affairs, Classified, Hourly, and Human Resources representatives – the names to be announced soon.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is College Council's annual Planning Meeting / Retreat, to be held on Monday, July 14, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, location TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVol made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiwari, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.