

CALL TO ORDER

President Moore called College Council to session at 2:02 p.m. in B204-210.

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present: Mary-Rita Moore, Andrew Blahut, Purva DeVol, Shawntrae Douglas, Beth Dunn, Agnes Kozielska, Shekinah Lawrence, Jason Lemberg, Mel Loucks, Hilary Meyer, Colleen Rockafellow, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari

Council Members Absent: Frank Alvino, Dmytriy Havrylyak

Others present: Jeanette Bartley, Mary Casey-Incardone, Susan Campos, Lisa Huff, Zelda Fredette, Denise Jones, Jodi Koslow Martin, Lena Musa, Melissa Ramirez Cooper, Michael Thunberg, Calvin Washington II, Brenda J. Watkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. DeVol made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiwari to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of August 25, 2025. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

OPERATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dean Meyer reported that Operational Assembly met on September 8, and provided these highlights. Student Affairs is broadening Troy Campus Quest to include all students in an effort to encourage engagement with campus services; a drawing for a free 3-credit course will serve as an incentive. This program will be highlighted at the September Corn Roast. Additionally, the FAFSA application for the 2026-2027 academic year will open on October 1. President Moore emphasized the importance of communicating early and frequently with students about FAFSA to ensure awareness and preparation for submitting the form. In Admissions, it was announced that the Fall 10th day enrollment goal was surpassed, making progress toward reaching 12,000 students. Student life reported a strong turnout for Welcome Week, with over 500 students attending. The Fall Transfer Fair will be held on September 29. In Academic Affairs the upcoming Career Fair is scheduled for October 1 and the Super Strong career assessment is now available to students, offering support in identifying career pathways and related academic programs.

A new virtual campus tour is in development, highlighting programs such as Cosmetology, Barber and HVAC. Several facility updates were also reported, including mechanical replacements, pavement repairs, hot water line upgrades and the installation of new gym bleachers in the R building. In Information Technology, recent Wi-Fi issues on campus were addressed with the replacement of 60 access points, as older units were no longer performing efficiently. Upcoming Heritage Committee events will include celebrations for Hispanic and Italian Heritage Months. In Research, the Spring 2025 Student Satisfaction Survey and the

Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE) reports have been published and are now available on the portal.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Beth Dunn reported that the Academic Senate met on September 9 and shared the following highlights. In College Curriculum, revised classes and inactive curriculum items were presented; additional details are available in the official Senate minutes. Roseanne Feltman was announced as the new chair for the Academic and Scholastic Standards Committee, and it was noted that there is a vacancy on that committee for a representative from the Health Careers and Public Service Programs. Student Development announced two upcoming trivia events scheduled for mid-October and shared that a luncheon for students, faculty, and staff will be held in November.

The Professional Development Committee presented information regarding Fall Teaching and Learning Day, noting that evaluations have been received. They also shared that the Spring 2026 workshop will focus on the topic of Academic Freedom. In Assessments, course assessments reported a 95% submission rate, with a 100% submission rate at the program level and for general education outcomes; all expected courses completed their assessments, with over 1,000 artifacts reviewed; assessment plans are due by October 31. OETC (Online Education and Teaching Committee) is continuing work on ongoing accessibility issues. Lastly, the Senate approved the addition of a new committee the AI Education and Policy Committee. Next Academic Senate meeting will be held on October 21.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ms. Tiwari introduced Dean Denise Jones and Dean Jeanette Bartley, who provided an overview of the Developmental Education Reform Act (DERA) initiative. DERA requires students to complete developmental English and Math within two semesters to accelerate entry into college-level courses. Triton College submitted its first biannual DERA report to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) in December 2024. The presentation summarized data from that report.

Dean Jones explained the alignment between DERA and Triton's Guided Pathways framework. Guided Pathways supports student identification and placement into academic support tracks. The connection is structured through four pillars:

- **Pillar 1:** Helps students understand program maps and placement expectations.
- **Pillar 2:** Supports student entry into the path using multiple measures for placement, reducing barriers to college-level courses.
- **Pillar 3:** Helps students stay on the path through embedded tutoring, retention alerts, wraparound services, and student referrals.
- **Pillar 4:** Ensures student learning.

Dean Bartley discussed the ongoing review of data to guide improvements in outcomes for English and Math. The data presented showed increases in enrollment, course completion, and credit momentum following DERA reforms.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. DeVol presented the draft college council goals to the committee. The committee had provided feedback on the goals over the past few months, and no further comments or recommendations were made during the meeting. The goals for FY26 in alignment with the new strategic plan were approved following a motion by Hilary Meyer and seconded by Jason Lemberg. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

FY26 College Council Goals:

- **Student Success:** Improve student retention and completion.
- **Institutional Sustainability:** Strengthen organizational health, operational efficiency, and employee engagement.
- **Innovation & Technology:** Leverage technology innovations to advance learning, streamline operations, and support the College's mission.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of College Council is on October, 20, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in B204/210.

OTHER

Due to a position promotion, President Moore acknowledged a change in Classified representative, effective October 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. DeVol made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiwari, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. College Council was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.