

Operational Assembly: Dean Meyer shared these highlights. WRRG (Triton College Radio) marked a milestone with its first-ever live broadcast during the Fall Family Fun Fest. Human Resources is currently preparing for the upcoming open enrollment period, and employees have received the required sexual harassment prevention training via email from SafeColleges. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) will host an Italian Heritage Month event, *La Dolce Vita*, on October 29. Guided Pathways presented the Early Momentum Metrics report, with further discussion scheduled for December. Student Affairs welcomed a new Director of Admissions and organized both a Mental Health Symposium and an Accommodations Workshop. Spring registration opens on October 20, and classes will begin on January 20. The Assembly also approved the FY26 goals, which prioritize reducing barriers to student completion, aligning application procedures between credit and non-credit programs, and supporting infrastructure and compliance improvements.

Academic Senate: Beth Dunn reported that there was no Academic Senate meeting due to a faculty holiday. The next Senate meeting is scheduled for October 21, during which members will review proposed changes to the bylaws.

Student Success:

Mr. Kurian Tharakunnel reviewed the Early Momentum Metrics from the Guided Pathways framework. These metrics track first-time students' progress across eight indicators using data from Fall 2022 to Fall 2024, focusing on various student groups and developmental courses. The data allows for analysis of changes in student outcomes over time.

Student Success Goal: Workforce Pell

Aligned with the Student Success Goal, Thomas Panas and Sara Gettinger from Financial Aid provided an overview of the proposed Workforce Pell program. Beginning in the 2026–2027 award year, Pell Grant eligibility will expand to include short-term (8–15 week), high-demand workforce training programs. Eligible programs must receive state approval and align with industry needs, while students must continue to meet traditional Pell criteria such as demonstrated financial need and pursuit of a first bachelor's degree. Implementation is anticipated for 2026–2027, though rulemaking and regulatory timelines may extend the rollout.