# **Operational Assembly**



Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2024
Library - Upper Commons, 2:30 pm

**Members Present:** Hilary Meyer, Naidelin Alvarez (in for Journey), Purva DeVol, Joe Klinger, Colleen Rockafellow, Katie Rullo, Kurian Tharakunnel, Shelley Tiwari

Members Absent: Mike Garrity, Journey Manuel

Others Present: Toni Johnson, Shekinah Lawrence, Jason Lemberg

Meeting started at: 2:31 pm

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Naidelin Alvarez and seconded by Shelley Tiwari.

## **Student Representative,** Naidelin Alvarez

- Pack the Place event was well attended by students.
- Both Men's and Women's Basketball teams won games during this past weekend.
- Journey and Naidelin will be attending the ICCB meeting on March 2 in Dixon IL.
- Preparations have begun for Spring Fling and Triton's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, more updates to follow.
- TRIUMPH & SURGE attended the DuSable History Museum Friday, February 9 for Black History Month.
- Active Minds and Common Ground will be having a photo session in the student cafeteria for Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14.

#### **Academic Affairs,** *Katie Rullo*

- HLC visit completed last week, February 5 and 6.
- Working with Marketing on the combined schedules for Summer.

## **Student Affairs,** *Hilary Meyer*

- Guest Shekinah Lawrence, Faculty Librarian, spoke about being in the planning stages in relation
  to inviting home-schooling families to campus and providing information on what type of
  resources are available in the Library and at Triton. Potential partners to be considered include
  Early College, Early Education, Continuing Education, CAAS, SEED, Student Support Services,
  Athletics, and Cernan Center.
- Guest Toni Johnson, Director of Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment, spoke about Dual Credit and
  Dual Enrollment as an option for home schooling students in high school. Parents have been
  reaching out and the college is preparing to provide clear and applicable information, including
  sharing implications students may face when registering for college.
- Potential date is during the first week of June to set-up information tables in the library as well as presentations for parents of older teenagers.

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- Shekinah is a member of the Strategic Plan Committee on Neurodiversity, and she shared her ideas with that group, as this is also an opportunity to reach out to people in the community who serve neurodivergent students.
- Naidelin mentioned that formerly home-schooled students active in Student Life may be interested in sharing their experience transitioning to college.

# **Information Technology,** *Mike Garrity*

No report.

### **Business and Facilities,** *Colleen Rockafellow*

- Athletics shared that the Men's Basketball team is 6<sup>th</sup> in the country and the Wrestling team is also doing well.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Basketball team was celebrated last week. Students and players from the original team were in attendance.
- Facilities is wrapping up mechanicals in the F and G buildings.
- The new playground equipment for the childcare center is scheduled to be installed in April.
- A roof anchor project for OSHA compliance is going out to bid soon.
- The Barber lab and Respiratory lab renovations are complete in the H Building.
- The paving project will continue when the weather breaks in April, which will complete the east side of campus.
- W2s and 1098Ts were sent out and may be accessed through the portal.
- The Cernan Center is promoting the eclipse that will happen on April 8.
- Communications about FY25 budget personnel verification will be sent soon to cost center managers.
- A memo was sent out to cost center managers and administrators about the Feb. 29 expenditure cut off for FY24. Please submit all your purchases before the deadline.
- The college will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a week-long agenda of events geared toward the community, students, and employees. More information is available at triton.edu/60. Communications will go out via Triton's social media platforms as well as Newsable and Triton Today.
- Topic of discussion to have with student services regarding assigning a designated drop-off/pickup area for Troy Ride and other ridesharing services (Lyft and Uber). There is confusion in the circle drive in front of A/B, due to parked cars and buses not being able to come through. A few locations were suggested on the east and west sides of campus.

#### **Human Resources**, Joe Klinger

- Working on the summer work schedule. Information will be forthcoming.
- Finalizing subscriber list of Statement of Economic Interest that will be uploaded to the state. More information to come.

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• Finalizing information regarding the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Hourlies and adjuncts should begin to see their PTO accruals. Meetings will be available in March for all employees through the PDC (in person and virtual) for guidance and to answer frequently asked questions.

## **DEI,** Purva DeVol

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12-1 pm, Roosevelt Middle School Band will perform musical selections by Black composers in the Student Center Cafeteria, followed by light refreshments. Parents, the principal, and the superintendent from the school will be attending.
- On February 13 the Illinois Community College Diversity Commission (ICCDC) is offering a free
  professional development virtual webinar: The Multigenerational Impact of Supporting
  Student- Parents presented by Dr. Marietta Turner from Parkland College.

#### **Old Business:**

Members discussed how their areas have contributed to each of the pillars of Guided Pathways. Examples include:

- EMSA: Enrollment Action Plan structured around each of the Guided Pathways pillars.
- CTE: Working on pillar 4 through faculty professional development offerings and assessment support.
- HR: Ensure adequate staffing across the pillars.
- Academic Affairs: Discussed involvement across all of the pillars at the academic deans meeting.
- Students: The registration experience has improved significantly—it's a lot easier. Spanish admission tours have begun. The Honors Scholarship has helped students attend Triton who may have had financial difficulties. There has been good feedback from students on Troy Ride and Troy Mart. Timely Care is also getting more traction. The SEED program has been really great.
- Institutional Research: Supporting all of the pillars. Wrote the case statement for GP. They are continuing to provide assessments and evaluations for all pillars.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Announcements:**

Members agreed on the previously proposed meeting date changes. The new dates will be posted on the website.

Next Meeting will be on Friday, March 15, 2024, 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:10 pm

Submitted by Sandra Hernandez