

TRITON COLLEGE

BOARD BRIEFS

September 24, 2019

Classified and Mid-Management Contract Negotiations

Chairman Stephens addressed issues raised during the previous Board meeting, presenting facts on the purchase of the former Golfland property, renovation to the front of the A Building, a history of raises issued over the last nine years, an update on the State of Illinois budget situation including recent headlines about preparing for state budget cuts in 2020, minimal RIF's occurring over the years, the 2016 bond issue with \$10.7 million going back into the Operating Fund to avoid mass layoffs as were experienced at other Illinois community colleges, and the Board's funding of MAP grants during the state budget impasse. He noted that negotiations are continuing in good faith, and called for the commitment of working together as was seen in 2016 when most employee groups agreed to a delayed raise on July 1, which were subsequently paid in full on October 14.

Employees and union supporters packed the room as staff and guests spoke during citizen participation and employee group reports about ongoing contract negotiations and the services Classified and Mid-Management staff provide to the institution and its students. Chairman Stephens thanked the employees and encouraged their attendance at Board meetings for a better understanding of what happens in the school.

Action Exhibits & Purchasing Schedules Approved Action Exhibits approved by the Board included the final FY 2020 Budget and FY 2019 Audit. See the [Board of Trustees website](#) for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in September.

Board Policies Enacted Revisions to the Board Evaluation Policy (Governance 1166), and a new Business Services Policy 3515 Employee Technology Reimbursement were enacted. You may view these and all Board Policies on the Board of Trustees website.

iLaunch Program Update Dean of Arts & Sciences Kevin Li provided a compelling update about the success of the iLaunch Program, where students can accelerate through developmental education math. As many as three classes can be completed in a single semester, getting students into credit classes sooner. The program features classes held in a unique lab environment with adaptive software and embedded support services such as advising, tutoring, and exposure to different programs of study at Triton and skills needed to be successful in college. Outcomes were shared, including course success rates for MAT 045 and MAT 055 increasing from 52% to 61% in one year after the introduction of iLaunch, and success rates in MAT 045 jumping in one year from 59% to 80%.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Family Fun Fest, Saturday, September 28, 10 am – 2 pm in the Botanical Gardens.
- Triton College Foundation President's Reception, Wednesday, November 6, 6-9 pm in the Student Center Cafeteria. Honorees are Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough and River Grove Mayor David Guerin.