

TRITON COLLEGE

BOARD BRIEFS

December 17, 2019

HLC Focus Visit Executive Director of Strategic Planning & Accreditation Dr. Purva Rushi provided an update on the HLC Focus Visit for Academic Assessment scheduled April 27-28, 2020. Three recommendations needing to be addressed were to 1) develop a common assessment language; 2) develop a Gen Ed assessment plan; and 3) develop student learning outcome assessment for all programs. Faculty led the charge in this work and have been gathering evidence of the developed outcomes. This work is now being finalized and the pre-visit report drafted for submission to the HLC in the coming weeks. January – April will be focused on visit preparation and ongoing assessment.

Workforce Equity Grant President Mary-Rita Moore introduced and welcomed Triton’s new Executive Director for Workforce Equity Initiative, Dr. Lee Jackson. Through this state grant, the college is able to invite community members into programs for short-term training, certification, and employment all within a year’s time.



Chairman’s Report

Chairman Stephens presented the following facts about the College and State budgets.

- The College has been deficit spending for the past 7-8 years, with the Board remaining committed to avoiding layoffs and keeping people employed.
- The College reserve as of June 30, 2019 is down to \$9.7 million.
- The state is not following the funding formula they developed, and currently provides only about half of the expected funding.
- News out of Springfield is talk of funding cuts.

With this in mind, Mr. Stephens discussed the need be realistic about where the college is and where we are going, and to work toward a boost in enrollment, both to serve our students and to increase revenue. He highlighted the success of the iLaunch Math Lab and the importance of the College continuing to be ready to help those students who come to us unprepared. He called upon staff to continue to ensure students know we care and that this is their college.

Flat Tax Levy Approved The Board of Trustees, with its pledge to not burden district taxpayers, approved a resolution to abate taxes levied for the Bonds issued in 2014 and 2015 for campus renovation projects. In addition, the 2019 Tax Levy was approved with a zero percent (0%) increase over the previous year.

Happy Holidays to All!