Chairman Mark Stephens was honored for his service as a Trustee for 25 years! ICCTA Executive Director Mike Monaghan thanked Mr. Stephens for his commitment, professionalism and loyalty, and his support and contributions to the community college system.

Congratulations to the Daniel Johnson EMT-B Excellence Awards for FY 16! Fire Science Program Coordinator Bill Justiz presented the awards to Brady Niemiec (left photo) for the Fall 2015 semester, and John Carlson (right photo) for Spring 2016.
Congrats to Adjunct Faculty Nicholas Steker (left) for winning the “George H. Parker Distinguished Service Award” from the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Mr. Steker is a Triton alum who teaches arson courses here and was nominated for this award because of his work in firefighting, fire investigation, and teaching.

Congrats to the Continuing Education department for winning the prestigious ICCTA Business/Industry Partnership award two years in a row!

Mike Monaghan, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, presented the 2016 Award to Triton College and Navistar International for a fifteen year partnership that has served over 700 Navistar employees.

Kerry Shipe from Navistar was present to receive the award, along with Continuing Education Deans Paul Jensen and Colleen Rockafellow.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved  Exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including several clinical affiliation agreements. See the Board of Trustees website for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in July. Employee group agreements were delayed until final language is completed.

Impact Bargaining/Contract Negotiations  A report was presented on the progress of bargaining and negotiations with the different employee groups in an effort to avoid a reduction in force. Chairman Stephens expressed appreciation for the extraordinary level of cooperation that has been received from employee groups.
MAP Allocation for Students  As Triton students wait for MAP funding, President Mary-Rita Moore proposed that the college continue to support these students for the fall 2016 semester and asked for the Board’s support. The Board agreed that this is greatly needed by our students.

Campus Renewal/Financial Report  Projects completed, in progress, future, and delayed were reviewed, with clarification that projects were reprioritized and money shifted because of the budget situation created by the state budget impasse. The delay of some projects allows $6,313,102 to go towards the operating deficit.

Highlighted was the fact that the project affecting students the most—the B Building (Student Center)—remains funded at 100% for the first floor, second floor, and cafeteria in the amount of $8,067,400.

Proposed B Building Interior:  
1st Floor – 10/16 to 4/17  
2nd Floor – 4/17 – 8/17  
Cafeteria – 4/17 – 8/17

Academic Affairs & Student Affairs Assessment  Faculty/Assessment Committee Chair Larry Manno and AVP of Student Affairs Quincy Martin provided a progress report on institutional assessment. Completion rates are up in academic assessments since 2013 for Assessment Plans, Assessment Reports, and Assessment Implementation. Most important is the implementation to improve student learning, up from 88 percent in 2013-2014 to 95 percent in 2014-2015, accomplished through curricular changes and departmental and institutional planning. Student Affairs assessment is also taking place in order to focus on the whole student, ensuring alignment with the Strategic Plan and complementing Academic Affairs in creating a holistic approach to student learning and development.

Strategic Plan  Pamela Perry, Director of Planning and Accreditation, presented a mid-year update on the Strategic Plan and progress on initiatives.