

Triton College Board Meeting
February 16, 2016, 6:46 p.m.
Room 300A
Natasha Pelka, Observer

Present: Chair Mark Stephens, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Mr. Glover Johnson, Mr. Jay Reyes, and student representative Gustavo Muñoz.

Absent: Ms. Donna Peluso (sick), Ms. Diane Viverito (out of town), and Mr. Luke Carson (on trial).
Reasons for absences noted by Mr. Stephens.

Approval of Board Minutes: Mrs. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reyes, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2016. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

Comments on today's agenda: Chairman Stephens commented that Action Exhibit 15685 Dominican University Facility Usage Partnership Agreement has been pulled. He explained that the colleges have an agreement in principle, but need to work out some specifics. It is planned that a Board phone poll will be conducted this week with the agreement ratified in March.

Citizen participation: None

Reports and announcements from Employee Groups:

Faculty Association Vice President, Lesa Hildebrand, reported on the following faculty activities. Mike DiGangi held an Auto Open House that was well attended, and will hold a High School Instructors Seminar on April 1. An African American Read-In was sponsored in the library. The second annual Assessment Day will be held on March 4 during which English faculty Joe Klein will present a poster. Mr. Klein is also presenting at the Center for Teaching Excellence regarding free textbook options.

Mid-Management Association President, John Cadero, reported that a letter has been sent to President Moore indicating intent to negotiate their contract. It was noted that Police, Adjunct Counselors, and Librarians are also up for negotiation this year. Chairman Stephens called for a spirit of cooperation to prevail during negotiations, asking that everyone keep the best interests of Triton College in mind. Mr. Cadero also reported that Mid-Managers are planning their In-Service for March 18, and that Local 1600 will be lobbying for funding in Springfield tomorrow.

Classified Association President, Missy Cabrera, reported that the Classified personnel are planning their In-Service for March 16. Ms. Cabrera reported that Adjunct Faculty Association, President Bill Justiz, is working and asked her to mention that he will be participating in a St. Baldrick's fundraiser.

Student Senate Report.

TCSA President Baylee Cabrera reports that TCSA has started their weekly meetings for the semester, and there is almost a full senate. She noted that students are working on an ICCB Outreach Project, which she will report on next month.

Board Committee Reports.

1. Academic Affairs/Student Affairs - Meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.
2. Finance/Maintenance & Operations - Ms Peluso reported that the committee met on Feb 3, reviewed 3 new business items and 1 purchasing schedule. Unanimously voted to forward all items for approval in tonight's Board Meeting.

Administrative Report:

- 1 Audit Management Letter: President Moore introduced the Executive Director of Finance, Jim Reynolds, to provide an update on the Audit Management Letter. Mr. Reynolds reported that most of the items noted in the Management Letter were addressed right away. The larger, ongoing project is developing a process for the electronic submission to the Illinois Community College Board for mid-term verification of student enrollment. A draft is currently being revised before being sent to ICCB for approval, and it is expected to be in place so that the college is in compliance for next year's audit.
- 1 Campus Renewal: Mr. Lambrecht showed photos of the completed and equipped Bakery Expansion. He reported on the status of the remaining projects. The Greenhouse is still in progress, and the Child Development Center is going out for re-bid because the first set of bids came in over budget. The D Building Science Labs and R Building Renovation go out for bid next week, with renovations to start at the end of May. The B Building's first floor will start mid-June with the second floor to start subsequently. Meetings continue with students for the cafeteria plans, and that project should be out for bid in September or October with renovations to start in November. Facility enhancements in student spaces will begin, but will be staged over a year or two depending on availability of funding.

President's Report.

President Mary-Rita Moore reported that she received communication from the Higher Learning Commission in recognition of the budget issue in the state of Illinois, including a letter sent to government officials, expressing concern about Illinois colleges' ability to continue to meet the criteria for accreditation. The HLC requested that all colleges file a report that gives the status of availability of resources to support the institution, expectations for future enrollments, and addressing the loss of MAP funding. They also asked for an emergency plan if a college is facing closure or reduction of operations. The prepared response was distributed to the Trustees and will be made available on the college portal under Accreditation when it is sent to HLC on February 18. Ms. Moore noted that Triton College has no need to file an emergency plan, and commented that the college has responded to the budget situation together as an institution, and has done it well.

Chairman's Report.

Chairman Mark Stephens read portions of the HLC letter and invited everyone to read it when it is posted. He stated that Triton College is not going to close or suspend anything. Mr. Stephens thanked the administration for a nice job preparing the response, which indicates that the college is in good financial health and there will be no cuts this fiscal year to personnel or MAP funding.

Chairman Stephens announced that the Baseball Field Ribbon Cutting tentatively will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 1 p.m. Also, the Foundation Golf Outing is scheduled for June 15 and the Foundation President's Reception on October 19.

New Business.

1 Board Policy-SECOND Reading:

3320 Travel - Board of Trustees and All College Employees. Mr. Stephens noted that in response to the HLC, the Board will no longer vote on travel, instead the Board will be advised of travel each month.

5414 Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Information. Mrs. Potter made a motion to enact revised Board Policy 3320 and new Board Policy 5414, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

1 Action Exhibits. With no objections from the board Mr. Stephens asked for the Action Exhibits to be taken as a group including:

15684 Budget Transfers

15686 Prometic, Inc. DSST Testing Center Agreement

15687 Destruction of Closed Session Verbatim Recordings

15688 Approvals and Release of Closed Session Minutes of the Board of Trustees

15689 Out-of-Radius Travel Requests

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Action Exhibits, seconded by Mrs. Potter. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

1 Purchasing schedules.

B38.15 - Campus Wide ADA Improvements. Mrs. Potter made a motion to approve the Purchasing Schedule, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

1 Bills and Invoices. Mrs. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson to pay the Bills and Invoices in the amount of \$2,216,325.05.

XIII. Adjournment of Open Session at 7:29pm

XIV. Closed Session begins at 7:29pm and adjourns at 8:38pm