Hot Topics

- A question was received from Mid-Management asking how responses would be conveyed to suggestions sent to the Leadership Team about Criterion Team Recommendations. President Moore indicated that one way would be through College Council where progress has been reported for the last two months and will continue in the future. The other way information will be conveyed is through a President's Cabinet prepared list of who is responsible for what items, which will be distributed campus-wide when complete.

Operational Assembly

- Mike Garrity reported that the group has finalized its goals and purpose statement for FY 18 and will be focusing on the Assurance Argument and Criterion Team Recommendations. In addition, Operational Assembly received reports from SEM about their subcommittees and measurable goals being developed, from Tech about the new Athletic website close to going online, and from HR about wellness activities including the walk/run on October 31.

Academic Senate

- Michael Flaherty highlighted the following Senate subcommittee activities. Curriculum Committee is looking at changing the AA to 60 credit hours, which means 4 less electives. Academic Standards is looking at the amount of credits required by students to graduate, feeling that Triton is high. Campus Quality is looking into the issue of air quality in the D Building. Senate has eliminated three non-voting members: SEM, Diversity, and Student Success Data Team, since one no longer exists and the other two report through Operational Assembly. Also, Ms. Perry presented to Academic Senate on the HLC, asking them to do a targeted review of the Assurance Argument.

Student Success

- Shelley Tiwari reviewed the National Community College Benchmark Project Report, asking Council if they noticed anything surprising and what steps could be taken for improvement. While Council saw nothing unexpected, they noted a low percentage of rating in retention in comparison with student success, low completion rates, a high unemployment rate in Triton's district, a high percentage of part-time students, and a low percentage of students in dual enrollment compared to our peer institutions. Discussion ensued around the fact that Triton has different needs in our district and different approaches are needed to meet those needs. Council was challenged to provide Ms. Tiwari with one or two actionable suggestions to take steps and move things forward. This report will be posted on the Research portal.

Council Subcommittee Update

- The subgroup formed to identify strategies and efforts to outreach and engage with the campus community and prepare for the HLC visit reported as follows. Targeted sharing has begun, with areas identified to review specific sections of the Assurance Argument. Reports have been made to Academic Senate and the Operational Assembly. Report will be made to TCSA in November. The report is linked in Triton Today now through December 1. College Hour and an Open forum have been held. Feedback received will be shared with Council.
- Mike Garrity was asked to look into next steps on business process improvement.
- The subgroup further reported that in looking toward the HLC visit, they are planning on forming a mock visit team and also a white glove team to look at campus facilities and resources. President Moore shared that she has met with union presidents to talk about changes in the HLC process, and this was also discussed at the last Community Advisory Committee meeting.
- Ms. Perry will post the HLC visiting team on the College Council blackboard page.

Enhancing Services for Students

- Dean of Enrollment Services Amanda Turner demonstrated the student graduation application, now available online through the student portal, and the Qless line management system, which is a virtual and very flexible way for students to move through lines for different student services.

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