

TRITON COLLEGE

BOARD BRIEFS

January 22, 2019

VP Appointment Concerns

Faculty members Daniele Manni and Joe Dusek voiced concern about the appointment of Sue Campos as vice president. Without objection to the person of Dr. Campos, their concern is making such appointment without a national search, stating that it excludes stakeholders from the process and bypasses a faculty contract right of members to be interviewed. A prepared release states: “Faced with declining enrollment, significant achievement gaps for minority students, and new mandates from the state, it is critical that senior executive-level positions are selected from a diverse candidate pool through a fair and transparent interview process.” Chairman Stephens commented that he understands and respects the faculty’s position, and the Board believes in the hiring committee process. In this case however, the President made a recommendation based on the best interests of the college, and he is advocating for that recommendation. It was pointed out that the issues of enrollment, achievement gaps, and state mandates, among others, were taken into consideration in the recommendation.



Chairman’s Report

Chairman Mark Stephens reported on the following issues.

- Randy Barnette, who has been retained as a consultant, is advocating for the College in Springfield.
- Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams are both doing well this season, everyone is encouraged to attend their games!
- Administration was asked to look at furthering the College’s overall goals using the East Campus Athletic Complex. This helps enhance the College’s image in the community.
- Facilities staff were recognized for the outstanding holiday decorations, snow removal, and campus appearance.
- The Board Organizational meeting will be established in April and will be posted soon.

College Priorities

President Moore welcomed everyone back to the new semester, which started today, remarking that dialog will continue on the four priorities at the college for advancing student success: Meeting students’ basic needs; Strengthening teaching and learning; Implementing guided pathways; Rethinking services.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including an amendment to the FY 2019 Operating Budget and addendum to the Gottlieb Memorial Hospital cooperative agreement. See the [Board of Trustees website](#) for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in January.