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**Triton College Board of Trustees
September 25, 2007**

Winifred Pozorski, Observer

Present: Chairman Stephens, Trustees Peluso, Stam, Gary, Becker, Del Giudice, and Viverito; Student Trustee Esparza, and President Granados

The meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm. It actually started at 6:25 and went into closed session at 7:35, lasting one hour and 10 minutes. The Board interviewed candidates for Vice President of Academic Affairs & Student Services in the closed meeting.

Triton has a new policy of labeling its buildings alphabetically. Maggie Hahn Wade, Faculty Association President, dislikes it. She said the faculty likes the campus signage.

Gary referring to Illinois House Bill 3507, the College Ethics Act, said that colleges are governed locally, not by the state. He said he met Richard Herman, Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is working on agreements with three Chicago schools. He wants to send Triton graduates to as many colleges as possible.

Stephens said he wants to help the Assessment Committee. Out of an enrollment of 20,000, only 20 students are in student government. He wants to increase student enrollment by making it easier for students to enroll. He said that salaries in the Triton District are high, making it hard to hire new employees.

The Upward Bound program for African American students to visit possible colleges has lost its grant because Triton employees did not meet the grant requirements. It cannot be reinstated until 2010. Triton is trying to provide the same services.

An economic impact study says that Triton graduates earn twice as much as high school graduates. Seven out of 10 employers in the district have hired Triton graduates. They will do an assessment of the faculty, technology, human resources, marketing, online courses, and pod casting on web net. Johnson Controls wants technology updated in the classrooms.

President Granados said Ellen O'Connell, Chairwoman of the Math Department did an assessment of student learning for the Higher Learning Commission. The HLC was not happy about the assessment. She wants to build leadership among employees. Triton has vacancies. The Way Finding (signage) Project has been in existence for two years.

Stephens said the Triton District's elected Representatives are trying to get Triton more money. Triton needs \$10,000,000 to remodel the Science building. We should call the Governor, Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate.

The Board voted separately on 19 Action Exhibits. They all passed unanimously.