



College Update  
January 12, 2015

Happy First Day of Classes!

During in-service, the newly adopted 2014-2017 strategic plan was revealed; it is now posted online ([http://trinidadstate.edu/pdf/about/strategic\\_plan/StrategicPlan14-17.pdf](http://trinidadstate.edu/pdf/about/strategic_plan/StrategicPlan14-17.pdf)). As was mentioned last week, the strategic plan is complemented by annual implementation plans, which include specific detail and action plans designed to bring the strategic plan to life.

Presentations from our local police departments were held on each campus last week. As you heard, we have room for improvement when it comes to emergency preparedness. The System Office has contracted with the *I Love U Guys* Foundation to update the crisis management plans for all thirteen colleges. The TSJC Safety Committee will be engaged in this process. We will continue to utilize the Standard Response Protocol – Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuation, Shelter – as our framework. If you have feedback for us, please forward your comments soon.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we received official, signed copies of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Rifle Association (NRA) to create the **first** NRA Certified Training Center in the nation. Our first step with this project is to offer a Firearms Safety Certificate, which has already been approved by the Higher Learning Commission and the US Department of Education. This is a **major** accomplishment for Trinidad State!

Last week, the faculty selected Kathy Carpenter as Faculty Senate President, Jodi Garcia as Vice President, and Nathan Cahoone as Secretary/Treasurer. Please join me in congratulating all three of these individuals! Please also join me in thanking Gillian Hart for her dedicated service as Faculty Senate Vice President last year and as Faculty Senate President last semester. Her efforts have paved the way to the future. When asked to comment, Kathy stated:

*“Our doors are open! Our e-mails are waiting for your input and comments. This is the semester of revitalization for an active Faculty Senate. Pass the word to those who are missed on the mailing lists! No voice will go unheard - unless you choose not to speak up.”*

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great week!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,  
President