



College Update
January 20, 2014

Happy Monday!

As of last Thursday, our enrollment for spring was still lagging behind the mark set last year. Our headcount for the semester was 1,388 (compared to 1,793) and the total annualized FTE for spring was 572 (compared to 630). Friday appeared to be busy on both campuses and some of our concurrent enrollment classes remain to be added to the Banner system.

On Tuesday, VP Jolly and I have a meeting scheduled in Denver with System President McCallin and Mark Superka, the Chief Financial Officer for the System. We will be presenting information related to our budget for last year (FY13) and this year (FY14). As mentioned during in-service, TSJC spent a large portion of our reserve funding last year and we are on track to do the same this year. Obviously, we cannot remain on this unsustainable path. To lessen the impact, we have implemented a hiring freeze for positions funded by the General Fund; to date, nine positions have been held vacant and two have been reduced.

On Thursday and Friday, several of us will participate in architect meetings at the Valley campus. The selected firm (D2C) has been designing the expansion of our main Valley campus building and the design development drawings are now ready for review. If you are curious, the plans are available on the network at pcommon\$/Alamosa Campus Expansion P1313. Please remember that this project is being funded by a special legislative allocation provided during the prior session. We are very fortunate to have received such strong support from the State.

The next rural presidents meeting will be held this week, where we will hear from President James Lorensen of Gogebic Community College in Michigan. In addition, three CCCS presidents – Mr. George from CNCC, Mr. Marrin from LCC and yours truly – will have an opportunity to present sustainability from our institutional perspectives. My plan is to discuss the role of signature programs, multiple campuses, athletics, and community partnerships. We will also focus on the role of CCCOnline and discuss financial realities at rural institutions.

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 cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President