



College Update  
January 25, 2016

Happy Monday!

During in-service, we shared plans to explore alternative approaches to the management of our campus bookstores. Thank you to those of you who volunteered to serve on a committee to move this initiative forward. We are planning a meeting this week to begin this work in earnest. If you have thoughts or concerns to share regarding our current processes, please share those with either Lorrie Velasquez or Rachael Doyle, who are co-chairing this review, or with Josh Jones or Louie Mantelli, who are assisting with the management of our stores.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, the Colorado Legislature returned to regular session and the weekly Colorado Community College System (CCCS) legislative conference calls resumed last Wednesday. As you've undoubtedly heard, the Governor's budget proposed a \$20 million decrease in higher education funding for the next fiscal year, which we will be carefully monitoring. As of last week, three bills concerning concurrent enrollment were already in various stages of discussion.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to remain compliant with employment laws from states other than Colorado. This is particularly relevant for those who teach online and live out-of-state. Because of the challenges in operating under these circumstances, we were recently advised by the System Office to discontinue this practice as soon as feasible. Unfortunately, this directive will impact Janet Hanstad this semester. Please join me in thanking Janet for her years of service to TSJC. She will continue to teach for other institutions in her home state of California, but her Colorado students will be taught by Nathan Cahoone, who resigned his faculty position last summer and relocated to the Denver metro area.

College Council meetings resume today. Last semester, the Council focused on preparations for the December Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit. This semester, the focus will shift back to the TSJC procedures manual, as there is much work left to do in documenting and streamlining our institutional processes. We owe a debt of gratitude to the following representatives, who join in weekly discussions with the Leadership team: faculty members David Barrack, John Gilmore, Angie Medina and Diamond Mobbley; classified staff members Ruth Blasi and Josh Jones; and administrative / professional-technical staff members Juliana Chaparro, Mike Salbato, Shannon Shiveley and Roberta Taylor-Hill.

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