



College Update  
February 3, 2014

Happy Monday!

Last Wednesday was Census Day and our enrollment has steadily improved since In-Service week. At last report, our headcount stood at 1,701 students – down slightly from the 1,793 students we served through the spring term last year. More importantly, our annualized FTE was 619.7, which compares to 629.5 (down 1.6%). The System FTE average for spring is down 3.7% overall, so we should be pleased with our numbers.

With the recent departure of Mike Jolly, we have temporarily rearranged several reporting lines. Human Resources (Lorrie Velasquez and Rachael Doyle) will take on the supervision of Purchasing (Karen Power and Kicheal Langford) on each campus. Human Resources will report directly to me, as will the Controller and Business Office functions. Physical Plant and Athletics will report to Vice President Gabrielson. The Gun Range, Bookstore and Information Technology will report to Vice President Davis. We are in the process of obtaining appropriate signature authority for these changes from the System. Please let us know if any concerns arise due to these arrangements. Your support is invaluable; please join me in thanking those who have already assisted during this transition.

As many of you know, program reviews were due last Friday. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process. We are making great strides in meeting one of our Quality Initiative goals – becoming a more data-informed, decision-making institution. Our faculty and our entire Academic Affairs team deserve special kudos for a job well done.

TSJC recently joined the Mountain States Association of Community Colleges, a group of over 30 institutions from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Their presidents, including me, are meeting later this week in Scottsdale, AZ. Planned sessions include discussions on crisis management and succession planning. We will also hear an overview of remediation reform in Colorado by former Colorado Community College System Provost Geri Anderson.

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