



College Update
February 24, 2014

Happy Monday!

The TSJC Cabinet adopted proposed mission, vision and core values statements as proposed by the Strategic Planning committee last Wednesday. Accordingly, the core values for TSJC are:

***Students First** – Student success is our purpose and the focal point of decision making and resource allocation.*

***Diversity in Community** – We value individual attributes, capabilities, and differences, and we foster the collaboration and social responsibility that create a vital institution.*

***Communication** – We value professionalism in our interactions and cultivate an open, friendly environment of fairness and integrity on our campuses and in our communities.*

***Responsiveness** – We recognize and act upon opportunities to be innovative, flexible, and adaptable.*

***Lifelong Learning** – We are dedicated to providing lifelong learning opportunities that are accessible and relevant for our students, faculty, staff, and community members to empower them to achieve their dreams.*

Last week, the US Department of Education released draft three-year cohort default rates for FY 2011. Our rate was 27.2, which was a full two points lower than the rate for the FY 2010 cohort officially reported last fall. We are definitely moving in the right direction.

A compromise was reached last Thursday on legislation to expand CSU Global. The Senate Education committee accepted an amendment to limit offerings to students aged 23 or older and imposed moderately selective admissions standards. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education will be charged with minimizing overlap of CSU Global with other institutions.

Budget work with Gary Ashida continues this week. We will be reviewing some administrative services data, including bookstore, athletics, and physical plant expenditures. Sandra Rodman, Rich Holden and Louie Mantelli have agreed to participate in these discussions. We are still collecting and analyzing financial information related to student services, faculty and instruction. Thank you for your patience and support as this budgetary work continues.

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

Enjoy the last week of February!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President