



College Update  
February 29, 2016

Happy Leap Day!

February 29<sup>th</sup> is rare and it seems that March is inevitable. Last week, Vice President Bates reminded me that there are only 74 days until commencement. To that end, graduation committees on both campuses have begun planning the festivities for our students. We hope to share “Student Spotlights” once again this year; please help us by forwarding student stories to Donna Haddow for consideration. We’ll work with the students you identify to be sure they are comfortable with the shine of the spotlight. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

On Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, David Hardman will begin service as the Director of Housing & Student Life at the Trinidad Campus. He will report to Kerry Gabrielson and reside in the apartment in Huggins Hall. David brings a wealth of experience to this position, having most recently served as the Diversity Coordinator at Kansas State University Polytechnic and as a former Admissions Representative at that same institution. He holds a BA from Bethany College and an MBA from Kansas Wesleyan University. Please join me in welcoming David Hardman to Trinidad State.

College Council has been reviewing a variety of procedures over the last few months. We recently approved revisions to Procedure 3.11 (Adjunct and Concurrent Instructors), 3.15 (Faculty Credentials and Development) and 3.16 (Evaluation of Faculty Job Performance). Discussion is ongoing on several other documents, including topics such as faculty status and ranking, faculty compensation, hiring procedures for exempt staff, dress code, fundraising, and animals on campus. Thank you to the Faculty Senate for continuing to provide feedback on many of these important items. As a reminder, College Council typically meets on Monday afternoons throughout the academic year, with broad representation from the college community.

As part of the bookstore Request for Proposals (RFP) process, we are conducting walk through sessions for potential vendors at each of our campuses today. If you happen to see these gatherings – which are scheduled for Monday morning in Trinidad and Monday afternoon in the Valley – please help us welcome them to our College. We are looking forward to hearing more from the representatives of these companies in the very near future.

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