



College Update
March 7, 2016

Happy Monday!

Last Monday, we received notification from the US Department of Education that our draft 2013 cohort three-year loan default rate is 20.3%. This is just slightly above the mark set last year (20.2%). We have 45 days to submit challenges to the data used in the calculation and our official rate will be released next fall. Thank you to our Financial Aid personnel – Wilma, Misti, Rosalie and Leslie – for all their hard work on behalf of the College and our students.

Please be aware that we are currently undertaking a comprehensive review of classified staff positions at Trinidad State. As a result of this process, several job descriptions may be adjusted to better meet institutional needs. If that action occurs, position audits would be submitted to the State for appropriate placement consideration. The results of this review will be finalized prior to May 1st. If any further actions are deemed necessary as a result of this project, a detailed lay-off plan would be published. Thank you for your patience as we work with supervisors and staff to complete this project.

It's hard to believe that Board meeting week is here once again. On Tuesday, Dr. McCallin will hold Presidents Council, followed by the March State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meeting, scheduled for Wednesday morning at the Community College of Denver. The annual Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) recognition follows at noon on Wednesday at the Denver Athletic Club. Twenty-six legislators are planning to celebrate with our students and advisors. Dusty Meyers, a concurrent student from the Trinidad campus, will be recognized and Cliff Wienen, one of our two PTK advisors, has agreed to participate.

On Thursday, we will be hosting our typical Open Forum sessions. The first meeting will be at noon in the Valley Auditorium and the second one will be held at 4:00 pm in the Trinidad Pioneer Room. Cookies and conversation will be provided; hope to see you there!

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