



College Update  
March 17, 2014

Happy Spring Break!

Last Friday, the Deans and the leadership of the Faculty Senate, including Brian Reeves, Gillian Hart, Lisa Pridemore-Cox and Judy Lee, met with me to continue our discussions regarding the organizational structure within Academic Affairs. We had a productive meeting. I would like to thank this group for their insights and dedication to TSJC. We are taking important steps toward the streamlining of our administrative structure and the strengthening of shared governance.

This week, we are hosting several Desire 2 Learn (D2L) training sessions at TSJC. According to Darci Duran, Distance Education Technology Specialist, we have three individuals attending the Administrator Tools training, sixteen faculty and staff members attending the Instructor Tools training and four people attending a six-day Train the Trainer training. It is impressive to see such a high level of participation in these professional development opportunities, the funding for which has been made possible through our STEM grants.

Nine contractors participated in a walk-through held last week for the Valley campus expansion project. We will be opening bids for this project soon, with ground-breaking planned to occur shortly thereafter. Our goal is to complete this project, which includes two classrooms and two laboratories, prior to the beginning of the Fall 2014 term.

As you know, we are continuing to gather information and analyze data to determine the best course of action to bring us back into budget alignment. As mentioned during the Open Forum sessions last week, any further necessary personnel changes will be announced in early April. Unfortunately, it is anticipated that each campus will be impacted with the loss of several positions. The Colorado Community College System Chief Business Officers (CCCS CBO) group is meeting this week on Thursday. The latest financial information impacting our System will be shared, helping to inform our decision-making processes. Thank you so much for your patience as we review the fiscal landscape for this year and next.

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

Hope you have a great Spring Break, whether you are on campus or spending time away!

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

Carmen M. Simone,  
President