



College Update
June 8, 2015

Happy Monday!

An Advisory Council meeting was held on May 19th. The State Board recently took action to reappoint Rosalie Martinez to a second term on the Council. In addition, Kathy Rogers has decided that it is time to step down. Heather Brooks, who is the City Manager for Alamosa, has been appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy left behind by Kathy beginning this fall. While we are certainly sad to see Kathy leave, we are equally excited to have Heather join us. Thank you, Kathy, for your service. The next Advisory Council meeting will likely be held in August or September.

As you know, the bookstore transition to *eCampus* is in full swing. We are looking forward to offering new services to our students. For those of you who haven't heard, Sandra Rodman recently announced her upcoming retirement. She let us know of her intentions long before this bookstore conversion was contemplated and she has graciously offered to continue to assist us on an "as-needed" basis. We are appreciative of her expertise and her willingness to come back on occasion. Please join me in wishing Sandra a very happy retirement.

The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meets this week on Wednesday in Denver. The major focus for this session will be the presentation and approval of FY16 budgets for the System Office and the thirteen community colleges. One of our students – Danielle Armstrong – was recently elected Vice President of the State Student Advisory Council (SSAC), which includes an *ex officio* position on the Board. Danielle will represent the student voice (and TSJC) very well!

Two versions of our proposed budget have been provided with this message. The document marked **TSJC FY16 System Template** provides overall information by standard program, along with staffing patterns and enrollment history. The second document (**TSJC FY16 Budget**) focuses on general fund allocations by department. We have added only one brand-new position this year. The part-time recruiter / assistant baseball coach model has been successful, so we are trying to replicate that approach with a part-time recruiter / assistant soccer coach. Mike Sisneros, Mark VanDreason and this third new colleague will be working together to bring more students to Trinidad State, which is absolutely essential for our future growth.

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

The next edition of the *College Update* is planned for July 13th. Until then, enjoy summer!

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

Carmen M. Simone,
President