



College Update
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Happy Monday!

Last week, Cynthia Hier, Human Resources Director for the Colorado Community College System, asked for two representatives to serve on a committee related to the recently approved “Evaluation of Faculty Job Performance” policy, SP3-31, which became effective on July 1st (http://www.cccs.edu/SBCCOE/Policies/SP/PDF/SP3-31_07012013.pdf). This group will be meeting in Denver prior to the start of the fall semester to iron out training issues for those charged with conducting faculty evaluations. Shawn Cavalli, Business Faculty, and Susan Harris, Communications Faculty, answered our recent call to serve. Many thanks to both!

The TSJC Quality Initiative recently approved by the Higher Learning Commission calls for the hiring of an “Institutional Research and Planning” Director. We are in the process of defining the duties of this position, which was placed into the budget last spring. Our hope is to conduct a national search over the course of the next few months so we can have this person on-board as we begin the planning process in earnest this year.

The Trinidad campus was recently approved as a Pearson VUE testing site (to be located in Berg 305). This is particularly important to our Adult Basic Education program, since the GED exams are in the process of transitioning to an online format and a new series of tests will be available in January 2014. Students testing toward this credential must finish all of their exams before the end of the year or face retesting once this transition is complete. At the Valley campus, Pearson VUE GED testing is already available on the second floor in Room 243.

This week, several of us will be meeting with architects to further refine our information for the proposed Valley campus building project. It was recently suggested by the System office that we consider including this project on the FY14 capital development list, which is due by July 24th. Although this is causing us to move forward a little more quickly than we had originally planned, this is an excellent opportunity for us to attempt to have this project recognized by the State.

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

Hope you have a great week!

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President