



College Update
July 15, 2013

Happy Monday!

Two dates have been set aside for the preparation of our 2013-2014 Abbreviated Strategic Plan. Our work will begin in earnest this week on Friday, July 19, and culminate on Wednesday, July 31. My hope is to have a draft of the plan ready for your feedback during the first week of August so it can be finalized just prior to the start of the Fall 2013 term. If you have ideas or suggestions for input, please feel free to send them either to me or to one of the Vice Presidents.

The TSJC Cabinet will be meeting this week on Wednesday afternoon. Although we are still shaping the agenda, one of the items marked for inclusion will be a brief discussion of the name "President's Staff". It is my understanding that a few "carry over" items from this past spring may also be ready for further consideration, including potential fundraising procedures and field trip forms.

In case you hadn't already heard, the State Board of Nursing voted unanimously this past spring to grant TSJC until February 2015 to achieve national nursing accreditation. This timeframe concurs with our candidacy period for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). We are grateful to the Board for their support and we are working hard to raise our pass rates to an acceptable level before this deadline. Lori Rae Hamilton, Director of Nursing at TSJC, and our Nursing faculty and staff members from both campuses certainly deserve recognition for their efforts.

Finally, we are having two "welcome" social events this week. The first will be on Tuesday afternoon at the Trinidad campus Sullivan Center Café, followed by a similar event on Thursday morning at the Valley campus Atrium. If you have a few minutes, please drop by for conversation and refreshments. Summer is flying by and our fall routines will be upon us soon.

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