



College Update
August 11, 2014

Welcome to Fall 2014!

Believe it or not, in-service week has arrived. We will officially kick-off the semester on both campuses today. The "Welcome and Updates" session in Trinidad is scheduled for 8:00 am in the Massari Performing Arts Center. The Valley session begins at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium. Please plan to attend. Aside from the "speeches", there is bound to be great conversation with your colleagues. Thanks, by the way, to everyone who helped coordinate our professional development sessions for this week.

If you haven't already accepted the Outlook invitation from Donna Haddow to view the "Leadership and Events" calendar, please consider doing so. This electronic calendar takes the place of the previously issued monthly paper calendar. It has the advantage of being a living document, reflecting the changes that had often rendered the paper calendar obsolete soon after publishing. As many of us travel between campuses and to the System Office, this tool should offer some assistance in answering the question "Where in the World is Carmen (and Kerry and Lynette and ...)". Thanks, Donna, for the extra effort it takes to keep this calendar for us.

As mentioned last month, the budget for FY15 has been streamlined. A copy of the document is included with this message for your information. Total compensation for the year is \$9,087,287, which is 69.8% of our budget. The general fund is still at a deficit for the year, with expenses outpacing revenue by \$596,652. Student enrollment will be critical in reducing this gap. Please also be aware that budget codes have changed. We ask for your patience with us as we go through this transition. Please talk with your supervisors for appropriate processing information.

As we put the finishing touches on preparations for the new semester, please know how much I appreciate all of the work that has already been done. Our grounds and buildings look fantastic, thanks to our hard-working Physical Plant staff on both campuses. Our admissions, financial aid and student success centers have prepared physically (and mentally) for the influx of students who are perhaps not yet quite ready to begin their studies. Seven days to go! Are you ready?

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