



College Update
August 18, 2014

Happy First Day of Class!

After a crazy week of last minute registration activity, we're finally beginning to settle into normal schedules. The last of the last minute crowd should be filtering into the classrooms. Thank you, everyone, for your efforts at helping our students last week. Let's hope we hit our enrollment targets, but more importantly, let's be sure to give the students we do have a first-rate experience.

As you heard during in-service, the Assessment for Improvement of Student Learning Committee (AISLC), chaired by Melissa Kleinschmit, has embraced change following the departure of our Assessment Coordinator, Jean Downs. Please join me in thanking two faculty members who have agreed to continue her efforts. Desi Maxwell (Trinidad Assessment Coordinator) and Brian Reeves (Valley Assessment Coordinator) will work with their respective campuses to bring assessment to life. For this, they have been rewarded with a small load release and our undying gratitude. With AISLC, two Assessment Coordinators and four Associate Deans, we should be ready for anything.

In support of our strategic priorities of student access and student success, people from both campuses came together last Wednesday to learn more about our nontraditional-to-gender career goals for Perkins. We recognize this professional development session came at a very busy time; the efforts taken to learn more about this important topic are appreciated. With your continued thought and attention, we should be well on our way to meeting the goals set for us by the State and we will be better able to meet the needs of our diverse student body.

Last week, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) met in Denver. Proposed capital construction projects for the colleges were discussed and prioritized. As you may recall, we requested a new Valley campus building last year, which was not funded. We decided to take a phased approach to this project over the summer. Phase I was resubmitted as a Career and Technical Education building at a total cost of just over \$14 M. This project was ranked #4 of 7 total System projects last week. Additionally, you may recall that the ventilation work in Mullen was included in the Long Bill last spring, but funding for this project is still contingent on State revenue forecasts next month.

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 black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President