



College Update
August 25, 2014

Happy Monday!

This afternoon is the first meeting of the College Council, a group that replaces the former President's Cabinet. It includes the membership of the original Cabinet, with enhancements to provide better insights into particular facets of the institution. One of the first tasks of the group will be to review TSJC Procedure 2.2 – Administrative Structure. In doing so, proposed descriptions of the Leadership Council, the Administrative Council and the College Council will be discussed.

Enrollment seems to be lagging this semester. A headcount of 1,791 students, with an annualized FTE of 637.85, is needed to remain flat. To date, we have enrolled 1,393 students (584.59 FTE). We are still waiting for concurrent enrollment registrations to be completed for our high school students, which will bump us upward. In addition, we are still encouraging additional enrollments into online coursework, as the first CCOnline term doesn't begin until September 2nd. Our changing and challenging enrollment story is being monitored daily.

Last week, Shari Schroepfer, Associate Dean for Arts and Sciences, and I both learned that we have been selected by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to become peer reviewers. Shari will support the AQIP Pathway; I will support the Open and Standard Pathways. Our training begins in Chicago in early October. This is a great opportunity for us to gain insights into the accreditation process, which will certainly aid our institutional preparations. Don't forget, our next comprehensive site visit by HLC begins **December 7, 2015**.

Speaking of accreditation, we have news on two fronts related to specialized accreditation. The Occupational Safety and Health Technology program was notified that its accreditation has been extended to January 2016 by ABET based on a site visit conducted last year. The Nursing program remains a candidate for accreditation through ACEN. Once the second-year cohort has successfully completed the NCLEX this year, we will request a site visit to complete the process.

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