



College Update
September 1, 2014

Happy Labor Day!

Last week, Dr. Linda Bowman from the System Office paid us a visit. She shared the results of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) Adjunct Instructor Survey conducted last spring, talked about the work of the taskforce assembled to review this information, and gathered input on these topics from our institution. Recommendations from the taskforce will be compiled and submitted to the State Board for consideration later this fall. I'd like to extend a special "thank you" to the adjunct instructors working at TSJC – we appreciate your efforts.

We have been asked by CCCS to bring all web-based materials into compliance with accessibility standards as defined by the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 – Level AA, <http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/>. Any new materials posted after December 31, 2014 in Desire-2-Learn (D2L) or on the website or portal must meet these standards. Older legacy materials must be brought into compliance by January 1, 2016. To that end, another taskforce has been assembled, led by Darci Duran and Roberta Taylor-Hill. Accessibility work on syllabi began during in-service and captioning of other materials is also in progress. In addition, we are reviewing our current website with the assistance of a newly reinstated Web Committee. If you would like to participate, please contact our Webmaster, Mike Salbato.

We recently learned that Jeni Carter, Student Life Coordinator for the Valley campus, has decided to leave TSJC. Please join me in wishing her well – she was a tremendous influence on our students during her time with us. Please also join me in welcoming Nicole Engler to the Valley campus. Nicole is filling a half-time, STEM-funded laboratory technician position. Finally, the Trinidad campus TRiO program is funding a half-time transfer coordinator for the duration of this grant cycle. We hope to leverage this position to offer evening hours in the library and student success center, which is especially important for students living on campus.

Very soon, Administrative Council will review the monthly budget report for August. The tools developed to analyze our budgetary position seem to be working well, although we found several transactions in need of reallocation during July and August. I'd like to thank everyone for the diligence and patience being demonstrated throughout our transition to this new budget system.

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

Hope you have a great, *short* week!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen M. Simone".

Carmen M. Simone,
President