



College Update
September 15, 2014

Happy Monday!

At the Board meeting last week, we learned that we will be receiving an additional \$3,510 in revenue due to the results of the annual look-back analysis. Amendment 50 funding has also been finalized, with an additional \$6,398 being distributed to TSJC. Great news, but please don't get too excited about spending this new-found money. The annual sprinkler system inspection for the Trinidad campus gave us an opportunity to pay a total of \$20,533 in unanticipated, but necessary, repairs.

Within the last several weeks, two of our colleagues have made very personal decisions to leave TSJC. Ed Samora, Custodian III on the Trinidad campus, has decided to retire in October after many great years at the institution. Brian Reeves, a faculty member on the Valley campus, has been hired by one of our sister colleges in the metro area. Please join me in congratulating both Ed and Brian!

Over the summer, Leadership Council wrote a draft implementation plan for the current academic year based on the four strategic priorities adopted by TSJC many years ago. As you may recall, those priorities are: student access, student success, operational excellence, and community engagement. This plan was recently reviewed by Administrative Council and the Strategic Planning committee. After several tweaks, it was passed along to College Council for final consideration, which will begin this week. A copy of the document is included with this message for your information. Please feel free to provide comments and feedback to us.

Faculty Senate President Gillian Hart recently shared news that our faculty members have unanimously voted to adopt a new set of senate bylaws, following months of careful deliberation. The next steps in this process include the election of senators as outlined by the bylaws and subsequent meetings of the elected representatives. This marks an exciting new beginning for shared governance at TSJC. Congratulations, faculty!

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