



College Update
September 22, 2014

Happy Monday!

Later this week, several faculty and administrators from around the state will convene at Pueblo Community College to discuss curriculum, policy changes and other pertinent academic issues. According to the agenda, there will also be two special joint sessions – one for nursing and biology faculty and the other for Deans and Academic VPs. A handful of representatives from TSJC plan to attend, including our academic administrators and several faculty members. Today is the registration deadline.

We ran into some logistical issues last week processing overload payments for our full-time faculty. It seems that we have developed several different calculation methods over the years, leading to inconsistencies. We are honoring the historical methods utilized prior to this term, but plan to develop one methodology for future implementation. To do so, we will analyze a variety of procedures based on FTE and credit hours to determine the best approach for TSJC. At the same time, we have been charged by the System Office to lower the number of credit hours being assigned to individual faculty members. This fall, 24% of those teaching full-time are over 21 credit hours, which is above the semester limit imposed by BP 3-80. Many of these loads are the direct result of independent study arrangements, which have been targeted by the System for closer scrutiny.

The Capital Development Committee (CDC) has announced “likely funding” for a number of projects that were part of a contingency-funded list at the close of the last legislative session. This could impact seven Colorado Community College System (CCCS) projects, including the TSJC project for rooftop replacement and HVAC installation for the Mullen Building (\$1,322,967). Initial estimates are promising, but final certification of these spillover funds will not take place until late December or early January.

In case you haven't already heard, there will be a full-day (4 am to 6 pm) planned outage of all computer systems on **Sunday, October 26th**. System IT is shutting down the data center for an essential power reconfiguration. This action will affect virtually everything computer-related, including D2L, Banner, the portal and email. Please be aware of the impact this will have on our students.

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