



College Update
September 30, 2013

Happy Monday!

My travels take me to Denver today for a meeting at the Capitol, where we will be discussing the proposed legislation on community college Baccalaureate of Applied Science (BAS) degrees. All of the community college presidents have been invited to participate in this dialogue with Senator Todd and Representative Wilson.

On Wednesday, we will host Colorado Community College System (CCCS) President Dr. Nancy McCallin, CCCS Director of Media and Government Relations, Rhonda Bentz, and three members of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) – John Trefny (chair), Russ Meyer, and Ken Weil. These dignitaries will tour the Trinidad campus, with planned stops in the Davis building, Scott gymnasium, the Mullen building, the new Student Center and the Banta building. The tour will end with an update and reception at 3:30 pm in the Pioneer room. Please feel free to attend.

Today marks the “official” end of our five-year Title V grant. It also marks the last day of service for three of our grant-funded colleagues, Marsha Girdlestone, Kim Van Orden, and Andrew Martinez. Please join me in thanking these three individuals for their past service to TSJC. We wish them well. Our faculty, staff and students benefitted greatly from this grant over the years and we are hopeful that a similar opportunity will materialize in the near future.

The strategic planning / monitoring committee is holding an organizational meeting this Friday. The goal of this initial meeting is to establish our 2013-2014 membership. According to the by-laws, which are outlined in TSJC Procedure 2.96, up to seventeen individuals can be included on this committee. Several potential slots remain, so if you are interested in serving and have not yet forwarded your name to us, please consider doing so. It is critical that we have a well-rounded, representative group to participate in the planning 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