



College Update
October 19, 2015

Happy Monday!

With only **49 days** until the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) site visit on December 7th, the academic team has been working feverishly on the Assurance Argument, the Federal Compliance Report and the Multi-Campus Report, all of which are due on November 9th. Vice President Lynette Bates and the four Deans of Instruction (Keith Gipson, Lori Rae Hamilton, Bonnie Ortega and Jack Wiley) have tackled these projects with a renewed perspective and a genuine sense of urgency.

Last Friday, the Assessment and Improvement of Student Learning Committee (AISLC) sponsored *Assessment Check-In Day*. The feedback provided by faculty on our assessment processes will be incorporated into our Assurance Argument (Criterion Four – Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement). It will also be discussed by College Council and presented to the HLC visit team. Please join me in thanking all of our faculty members for their commitment to the continuous improvement of instruction for our students.

On Tuesday, several members of the Capital Development Committee will visit Trinidad State. This legislative committee determines how state dollars are spent each year in support of facilities and infrastructure. As you'll recall, we received state funding to expand the Valley campus during the spring 2013 legislative session. After several years, this project is finally nearing completion and we are excited to share our progress with them. In addition, we have been funded for several controlled maintenance projects, including an electronic lock project and an HVAC project in the Mullen building, for which we are grateful. We plan to conclude the meeting with a tour of the Gunsmithing program and a discussion of our plans to build an indoor range to support our new safety curriculum through the NRA Certified Training Center.

Please remember that we have Open Forum sessions scheduled this week on Thursday. Join me for cookies and conversation at noon on the Valley campus or at 4:00 pm in Trinidad. If you have concerns, please raise them. If you have questions, please ask them. And if you have suggestions or ideas, please share them. One of the greatest strengths of Trinidad State is the commitment of our faculty and staff to the future of this institution. ***Thank you!***

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