



College Update
October 20, 2014

Happy Monday!

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) is now conducting its biennial climate surveys to gather information related to the work environment at participating colleges. Links to the instruments were made available last week via electronic messages from Christina Cecil in the Human Resources office in Denver. If you have time and inclination, please consider participating before the deadline on October 31st. These surveys are anonymous and should provide invaluable insights for us. The previous results from 2012 have been already shared with me, so we should have a solid basis for comparison.

The second annual Donors, Supporters & Scholars receptions for each campus have been scheduled. For the Trinidad campus, it occurs on Wednesday at 4:30 pm. In Alamosa, a similar event will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 19th. These are great opportunities for our scholarship recipients to meet the individuals and families who are supporting them through the Educational Foundation. The stories of both our students and our donors are often inspiring.

Last Friday, our faculty members participated in Assessment Day activities. A focus on assessment and data is important for our students, as it assists us in finding ways to improve the instruction and services we offer. Thank you, everyone, for making our students your priority.

This week, the administrative team will be reviewing the budget-to-actual figures for the first quarter of FY15. In addition to this information on expenses, we will also analyze our revenues, which will probably be down due to our decreased enrollment. Our current headcount is 1,743 (down 48 students compared to last fall) and our current annualized FTE is 605.7 (down 32.1 or about -5.0% compared to last fall). Needless to say, we will likely still have some work to do on our finances this year, but the situation is much improved over last spring. Thank you for your continued support and assistance – buy what you need; save what you can.

Please remember the upcoming planned computer outage. The next College Update may be a bit late due to the loss of virtually everything computer-related on Sunday, October 26th.

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