



College Update
November 4, 2013

It's November Already?!

Later this week, Dr. Chuck Bohlen will be paying a visit to Trinidad State Junior College. He will meet with several groups at the Trinidad campus on Thursday, followed by similar meetings on Friday at the Valley campus. As you may remember, Dr. Bohlen is now working with the System office on a rural college sustainability project. Please help us welcome him back to TSJC!

At the last Cabinet meeting, we announced a change in reporting line for our Institutional Research Coordinator, Annette Lujan. She will begin meeting with me on a regular basis as we continue our efforts to address the TSJC Higher Learning Commission Quality Initiative. Last week, Dr. Paula Davis met with several individuals (aka our Data Team) to discuss and attempt to resolve some of our most pressing data issues. With the right focus, we should be able to accomplish much of this project by the August 2015 deadline.

The strategic planning committee met for the second time last Friday to begin work on the development of our next five-year plan. While the chairmanship of this committee is defined in our bylaws and technically falls to me, my opinion is that plans must always be anchored in the history of an institution. To that end, I have invited Debbie Ulibarri to serve as co-chair with me. As a long-term employee and chair of the most recent long-term strategic planning effort, she is perfect for this role. Please join me in thanking her for her commitment to TSJC as we both work in earnest with the strategic planning committee to chart a course for our future.

Late last week, we submitted a response to a financial aid audit for the 2011-2012 academic year. Questions surrounding our "Return to Title IV" processes were addressed, including information related to nearly 200 late calculations. Admittedly, there is much room for improvement in our reporting and returns. Faculty, you can help us by reporting the last date of attendance for missing students *as soon as possible*, preferably before the end of the semester.

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 black ink that reads "Carmen M. Simone".

Carmen M. Simone,
President