



College Update
November 9, 2015

Happy “Lock Day”!

After five weeks of extremely intense work and several reviews by College Council, the Higher Learning Commission Assurance Argument *will finally be finished today*. This document began taking shape under the guidance of Lynette Bates and Kerry Gabrielson – two of the finest Vice Presidents in the entire state. The Deans, especially Lori Rae Hamilton, spent countless hours refining and editing the argument itself and all four of them – Lori Rae, Bonnie, Keith and Jack – should be commended for their commitment to the College. We have a fantastic team at TSJC!

College Council adopted an updated organizational chart last Monday. The document strikes a balance between providing detail and giving clarity of reporting lines. It is included as Procedure 2.3 in the TSJC procedures manual, which is posted on the College website (<http://www.trinidadstate.edu/pdf/administration/policies-procedures.pdf>). In addition, a copy has been included with this message for your convenience.

With the recent departure of Nicholas Goodsell, several personnel shifts have become necessary. Shannon Shiveley has agreed to take the reins as the interim Director for the TRiO Student Support Services program on the Trinidad campus. Shannon has done an *outstanding* job as the Director of the STEM individual grant. She remains committed to that program and she plans to split her time during this transitional period. Nicholas was also serving on College Council and Mike Salbato has agreed to finish his vacated term. Mike received the next highest number of nominations by his APT colleagues last August, so he is a natural fit for this position. Please join me in thanking both Shannon and Mike for taking on these critical roles.

The November Presidents Council and State Board meetings are scheduled for this week, as are our regular Open Forum sessions. Please join me on Thursday at noon (Valley campus) or at 4:00 pm (Trinidad campus) for a debriefing of these Denver meetings and a conversation about the College. As usual, we’ll provide the cookies!

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