



College Update
November 10, 2014

Happy Monday!

Very shortly, you will see an announcement seeking applications to fill a new Director of Library Services position at TSJC. The decision to fund this critical role was not easy. As you know, we have not filled many positions recently due to our financial condition. It is essential, however, that we continue to provide resources to our students on both campuses. This requirement is noted by the Higher Learning Commission in several of the accreditation criteria, including 2.E.2, 3.B.3, 3.D.4, 3.D.5, 4.A.4 and 5.A.1 (<http://www.ncahlc.org/Criteria-Eligibility-and-Candidacy/criteria-and-core-components.html>). Not only will our new Director be responsible for moving the Freudenthal Library into the modern age, he or she will also be charged with creating an effective Library presence on the Valley campus.

This will be a busy week of meetings in Denver, beginning with Presidents Council on Tuesday and the State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) on Wednesday. As usual, the work and regular session agendas for the Board meeting are available online (<https://www.cccs.edu/blog/tag/november-2014/>), with recommendations from the adjunct faculty taskforce and the Spring 2014 Student Satisfaction Survey listed among the agenda items.

Over the past year, we have sought to strengthen the role of the Registrar at our institution. We moved Christy Holden from part-time to full-time this year and we asked both Mathilda Westerman and Bernadine DeGarbo to report to Christy, creating synergy within admissions and records. Annette Lujan is also a key member of this group, supporting institutional data reporting. The next step in this process has been to officially move course scheduling responsibilities under the Registrar. To that end, Molli McBride has joined the admissions and records team as a direct report to Christy, where she will also continue to assist with concurrent enrollment. This team – Christy, Mathilda, Berna, Molli and Annette – will be great together.

Open Forum sessions are planned again for this week on Thursday. The first will be at noon on the Valley campus, followed later that day by an afternoon session (4:00 pm) in Trinidad.

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