



College Update
December 7, 2015

Happy Monday!

Not only is today “a day that will live in infamy”, it is also HLC Day at TSJC! Three institutions are undergoing comprehensive evaluations today, including Ripon College in WI, Southern Nazarene University in OK and Trinidad State Junior College in CO. After the visits, teams will have four weeks to draft initial reports. We will be given an opportunity to review the team report and provide corrections to errors-of-fact. Following that process, the document and all related supporting materials will be submitted to the HLC Institutional Actions Council (IAC). The Council will consider these materials and recommendations prior to rendering a final decision during one of their regular meetings. Depending on how the process unfolds, this will most likely happen at the May 16-17, 2016 session.

Two weeks ago, we received final feedback from ABET on the specialized accreditation of our Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) program. As you may recall, this program hosted a site visit during Fall 2013 and the initial report we received cited several areas of deficiency, weakness, and concern. Thanks to the diligent work of Jocelyn King, *every* issue has been adequately addressed. Congratulations to Jocelyn, who excelled under difficult circumstances to *absolutely shine* for Trinidad State. Her contributions have been outstanding!

The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) will be holding its December meeting on Wednesday. As usual, the agenda is available on the System website (<https://www.cccs.edu/tag/december-2015/>) and, as you could guess, my day will be spent in Denver.

Rather than holding our usual Open Forum sessions this week on Thursday, we are using the time to honor our recent retirees. We will have recognitions (and cake) on each campus – noon in the Valley and 4:00 pm in Trinidad. Everyone is invited and ***all*** retirees are welcome to join in the festivities with us! As a reminder, here is a list of those who have recently retired:

Edward Samora – October, 2014	Heidi Burke – December, 2014
Raymond Barela – March, 2015	Katherine Carlisle – May, 2015
Debra Haverfield, May, 2015	Nancy Minow, May, 2015
Sandra Rodman – June, 2015	Nancy Wilkinson – June, 2015
Maria Abeyta – October, 2015	Larry Hunter – December, 2015

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope we all have a great week!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President