



College Update  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Happy Monday!

Thank you to Matt Torrez, Ashlie Cogburn and Mike Salbato for accepting leadership roles with the newly formed Staff Alliance. Please join me in recognizing them for their continuing commitment to Trinidad State. As part of his leadership role, Matt Torrez has also agreed to serve on College Council, joining Julie Kotalik, who has agreed to fill the vacant faculty seat. With their inclusion, College Council has full membership once again.

Faculty representatives: David Barrack, Kathy Carpenter, Kay Evans, Julie Kotalik  
Staff representatives: Mike Salbato, Shannon Shiveley, Matt Torrez, Jack Wiley

Between semesters, we received great news from the System Office regarding the Faculty Reimbursement Program. Congratulations to Sarah Sloane, LiAnn Richardson, and Julie Kotalik for successful applications. Each is eligible for up to \$6,000 from the System Office to cover tuition costs for graduate programs. In addition, Rilla Pena also successfully applied for funding. Rilla is a concurrent math instructor with the Trinidad School District and her efforts will allow her to continue teaching math while simultaneously earning her credential.

The Colorado Department of Higher Education is continuing a project to assure standardized outcomes for guaranteed transfer classes across the state. Most recently, we have been asked to gather all of our ENG 121 syllabi for review as part of this process. Regardless of where students participate in coursework, from a local high school concurrent class offered by a community college to an online version of that same course to the same offering within a large university setting, they must share common goals and produce similar results. Thank you for working so hard to adapt your syllabi to the most recent mandatory template – your efforts make this process so much easier.

Believe it or not, the *Graduation Committee* is starting to plan for our upcoming festivities in May. As is our tradition, we will host a morning commencement ceremony in Trinidad on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by an evening event in Alamosa on that same day. The preceding weeks will be filled with opportunities to celebrate with our students and the planning has officially begun.

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