



College Update  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Happy Monday!

Today is the third System Enrollment Management Summit. Teams from all thirteen colleges will gather for two focused sessions. Kerry Gabrielson, David Hardman, Shannon Shiveley, Juliana Chaparro, Lori Rae Hamilton, Keith Gipson, Evert Brown, and Jack Wiley will join me on behalf of Trinidad State. In the morning, we will discuss the nontraditional adult learner, followed by afternoon conversations about concurrent enrollment students. Speakers and panel discussions will round out the day, which promises to be a good one.

On Tuesday, we will host a visitor from [Ruffalo Noel Levitz](#) (RNL), a higher education company specializing in technology-enabled services, software and consulting in enrollment management and fundraising. The System Office hired RNL to gather information from all thirteen colleges, which will provide insight for them into new System strategies to support us. The visiting consultant set much of the agenda based on his previous experiences at other institutions.

Last week, we hired Mr. Gerry Baygents to fill the new mathematics position at the Valley campus. Mr. Baygents is a PhD candidate in Statistics and Applied Mathematics (anticipated completion, May 2018) at the University of Missouri Kansas City. He holds an MS in Mathematics from the University of South Carolina and a BS in Mathematics from Georgia Southern University. Mr. Baygents plans to join us this fall, bringing a wealth of experience in teaching a variety of mathematics courses. By then, if all goes well, he should be Dr. Baygents.

The next step in supporting our new Upward Bound Math Science grant is to hire an Academic Coordinator, who will work with our recently identified director, David Dominguez. This second position is currently being advertised. The Director and the Academic Coordinator will be the only two full-time people hired under this grant. We have been given permission to shift the remaining personnel dollars into the equipment and supplies categories, which should aid the overall sustainability of this program.

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