



College Update
May 28th, 2018

Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

It is truly a pleasure for me to announce a second transition within the Business Office. Last week, we shared that Shannon Shiveley has moved from her role in the Student Success Center to a brand-new Budget Director position. Amanda Vigil-Alcon will be joining Shannon in another new role as a lead accountant. As we continue our search for a Controller, Shannon, Amanda and Lorrie will sustain day-to-day operations, with guidance and oversight by the System Controller, Lisa Grefrath, and her staff. Shannon and Amanda are a welcome addition to the Trinidad State Business Office team: Lorrie, Ruth, Blanca, Penny, Kim, Meri, and of course, Nellie Barros, who will soon be officially retired. We are very fortunate to have such a committed team monitoring our finances, both locally and from the System vantage point.

Late on Friday afternoon, we announced the search for a Housing Director for the Trinidad campus. This will be a second, dedicated live-in position within our residence halls, specifically assigned to the Huggins Hall apartment. Matt Young will remain in the O'Connor Hall apartment. We also plan to continue providing accommodations to four assistant coaches to assist with hall duties – including baseball, softball, men's basketball and women's basketball.

We are at varying stages of hiring several new or replacement faculty positions. English, Sociology (perhaps with a Human Services emphasis), Cosmetology in Trinidad, Heavy Equipment, Gunsmithing, and Nursing are on the list. If we successfully hire in each of these areas, we will have increased our full-time faculty numbers from 43 to 48 – the goal set last year.

The State Board meets on Wednesday, June 13th for review and approval of our budget. In July, there will be a special Board meeting for consideration of proposals to begin new completion degrees in Nursing. Our RN-to-BSN program would be the first baccalaureate at Trinidad State, providing an avenue for us to collaborate with other state institutions to address the nursing shortage in Colorado. There is much work left to do to mitigate this impending workforce crisis.

As we move into June, please be aware that the *College Update* will be issued less regularly. In the meantime, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Until next time, enjoy summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President