



College Update  
July 3, 2017

Happy July!

The new fiscal year has officially begun. With that, the planning cycle has also moved from the review stage into preparations for the upcoming academic year. The [Final Report](#) for the 2016-2017 Implementation Plan has been posted and is available for your perusal. As a quick overview, we completed 49% of the items listed and have done significant work on another 37%. Several of the remaining items were reconsidered and purposefully abandoned as the year progressed. We are now busily constructing the next plan, which will parallel our developing strategic plan. It will include several suggestions gathered from you last May – thank you for sharing your insights!

You may recall that one of the outcomes of our December 2015 site visit from the Higher Learning Commission (aside from continued accreditation) was to develop a new program review process and complete an interim report on our progress by July 2017. VP Lynette Bates finalized and uploaded our materials this past week, which includes some very honest feedback from our faculty. Thank you, everyone, for the role you played in strengthening our process. We are proud of your work to improve student learning at Trinidad State!

As you know, Jack Wiley is beginning a transition to a new position supporting concurrent enrollment and workforce training. His title is changing to ***Special Director for Community, Concurrent and Continuing Education***. We have hired a new Dean of Instruction to replace Jack, who will be based at the Valley campus. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Evert Brown to Trinidad State. Dr. Brown has a background in biological sciences, two decades of teaching experience, and administrative expertise earned through the formation of a unique science school in Wyoming. Keith, Lori Rae and Evert will become a terrific Dean team, serving our faculty and supporting the instructional needs of our communities.

Through the years, we have worked with hundreds of students seeking to attain high school equivalency credentials. This critical service will continue in the Valley under the guidance of Tammie Mack, Adult Education Director, and Juliana Chaparro, Learning Center Director. As we begin to redesign our program, we are fortunate to have solid expertise and an undying commitment.

Until next time, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you are having a *great* summer!

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

Carmen M. Simone,  
President