



College Update  
August 28, 2017

Happy Monday!

This week brings the first Strategic Planning Committee meeting of the new academic year. We lost several members over the summer, so if you have an interest in serving, there may be a seat available for you. Work will include a review of the current implementation plan, suggestions for the layout and design of the next strategic plan, and feedback regarding goal attainment.

As of last Friday, thirteen nominations to fill College Council seats for 2017-2018 have been recorded. Completed forms are due **this week** by noon on Wednesday and can be submitted to Linda Perry. Candidates with the most nominations will join David Barrack, Kelly Hall, Diamond Mobbley and Jack Wiley in representing *your* voice on College Council.

The Southeast Workforce Investment Board plans to meet at the Trinidad campus on Tuesday. We will be joined by Betty Velasquez, Director for the Southeast and South Central Workforce Regions and Clarke Becker, Director of the Rural Consortium. We are fortunate to have strong relationships with our Workforce Centers, supported in part by a unique Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) grant and by our membership on both Boards. This connection provides better access to federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.

You may have noticed that the old, blue awnings have been removed from many of our buildings in both Trinidad and Alamosa. This is part of a branding strategy that also includes signage updates for our campuses. Soon, you should see new logos displayed on our brick monument signs. These changes have been in the works for nearly a year now and are funded by the System incentive funds award we received for “increased performance in transfer rates at a rural institution” last October. Design work was completed by our Marketing Department – Elise Russell, Todd Cotton, and Greg Boyce – and installation will be coordinated by our Physical Plant staff. We have **great** people here at Trinidad State!

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