



College Update
November 7, 2016

Happy Monday!

Over the summer, a secret shopper from the Education Advisory Board (EAB) posed as a potential incoming student to gather feedback on our processes. The results are in and the news is good. According to the audit, campus signage is clear, front line staff members are helpful, the application and advising processes are student-focused, and scheduling and registration are easy to navigate. We have some work to do in the timeliness of generating student numbers and on our initial approach to financial aid, but otherwise, we did well. Vice President Gabrielson can share more detail if you are interested, including information on the upcoming transition to EAB Navigate.

A list of the ideas discussed with the Foundation Board recently has been posted on our website ([Foundation Planning Document](#)). The College and Foundation have shared a strong partnership since 1968, much to the benefit of area students.

System President Dr. McCallin is holding her monthly Presidents Council meeting in Denver on Tuesday, which will be attended by her Executive Staff and the thirteen College Presidents. This will be followed by a State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meeting on Wednesday. Student representatives and advisors from the [Career and Technical Student Organizations](#) will be presenting to the Board and sharing lunch afterwards.

As you know, we are conducting a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis for the institution. So far, the internal faculty and staff survey has a response rate of 10%. If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to provide feedback for the committee ([Internal SWOT Survey](#)). Please also encourage students to share their perspective using the link emailed to them or through online access at either the Success Center (Trinidad) or the Learning Center (Valley). The deadline to participate is noon on Tuesday, November 15th. As an aside, please know that we also plan to gather community feedback soon, bringing another facet to our planning.

Be aware that Randy Sonnemaker, former TSJC Controller, is no longer associated with the College. A search to replace this critical position will begin shortly.

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