



College Update
November 14, 2016

Happy Monday!

As you have no doubt heard, the submission deadline for *Bloodlines* – our new online journal – is rapidly approaching. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to send entries electronically to: tsjc.bloodlines@trinidadstate.edu by November 20th. A volunteer submissions manager will ensure anonymity and forward the pieces to our editors. Adam Dunham has been instrumental in bringing this idea forward and both Greg Boyce and Todd Cotton have provided assistance to him. Thank you to everyone who has offered time to this great project.

The Open Forum schedule has been shifted this month due to multiple meeting conflicts last week. The Valley session will happen today (Monday) at 4:00 pm in Room 210; the Trinidad session will occur on Thursday at 4:00 pm in the Pioneer Room. As usual, my plan is to share information from the most recent Presidents Council and State Board meetings, followed by conversation about the happenings around Trinidad State. Cookies and coffee will be served!

Last week, during the November meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, the membership of the Trinidad State Junior College Advisory Council was updated. Chris Lopez, who currently serves as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club in Alamosa, was appointed to a new four-year term. Chris replaces Tom Scarlett, who previously served two consecutive four-year terms and is, unfortunately, term-limited. While we will miss the leadership provided by Tom, we are excited to have Chris join the Council. Thanks, Tom, for your service!

On October 31st, the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission took official action on a request from Trinidad State. We had asked for approval to offer several Degrees with Designation, and the IAC concurred. The approval language is included below:

Action. IAC concurred with the evaluation findings and approved the institution's request to offer the Associate of Science with designations in Agriculture Business, Agriculture Education, Animal Science, Mathematics, Physics, Pre-Engineering, Psychology, and Soil and Crop Science; and the Associate of Art with designations in Criminal Justice, Business, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Teacher Education, Geography, History, Psychology, and Theater.

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