Each of the vice presidents was asked to provide a brief update from their respective areas to share with the Board of Trustees. The updates from each area are outlined in this report.

**Vice President – Student Learning & Economic Development**

**Diversity Days** – Diversity Days runs Monday, March 30 through Thursday, April 2 and is packed with activities developed by the Diversity Days committee. Keynote Speaker, Temple Grandin, will present “Different Kinds of Minds Contribute to Society” on Thursday, April 2, at 11:00am in the Black Box Theater.

The full schedule is available at: \campus\dfs\Department\Diversity Committee\DD2015.pdf and also at www.facebook.com/ButteDiversity.

**WordSpring** – The English Department is hosting a creative writing conference called WordSpring 2015 on April 25, 2015, 8:30am-4:00pm in the Learning Resources Center. Workshops in poetry, fiction, and other creative genres will be open to the public as well as to the Butte College community of faculty, staff, and students.

For more information on WordSpring or to register, visit www.buttewordspring.org.

**Rupe Grant** – The Nursing Department has received a $40,000 Grant from the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation for Certified Nursing Assistant students. The grant will fund scholarships, testing, and emergency assistance for students.

**AHIMA Certified Coding Associate** – The BCIS Department is developing curriculum in health information technology that will lead to a certificate in Certified Coding Associate (CCA). The goal is to be an American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)-approved program and to offer the training necessary to successfully complete the CCA Exam. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates a shortage of more than 50,000 qualified HIM and HIT workers by 2015.

**Vice President – Planning, Research & Organizational Development**

**Technology Grants** – Request for Proposal (RFP) and vendor selection processes have completed for the primary technology for the Common Assessment Initiative, Education Planning Initiative, and Online Education Initiative. Each selection committee was composed of over 50 representatives of professional organizations from across the CCC system and representatives from the colleges that will pilot the solutions.

Instructure Canvas was selected as the candidate for the Common Course Management System. Hobson’s was selected for Education Planning & Degree Audit. Unicon was selected to build the Common Assessment platform along with Link Systems, who will be providing a test development system and work with CCC faculty to develop test content.
Vice President – Student Services

**Student Equity** – Student Equity funding is expected to support at least 20 different Student Equity projects over the next year, including lending libraries, professional development opportunities for students, and a variety of student service personnel positions. One exciting project involves coordinating with Oroville high schools to improve students’ levels of preparation for college, which will ultimately improve completion outcomes for many of the Butte College students in our target populations. Another promising project is the Summer Math Assessment Prep that will be piloted this summer. This project’s intent is to shorten the “developmental math pipeline” by providing a set of short “refresher” math workshops to help students place into higher level math courses.