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 – Planning, Research & Organizational Development**

**Innovation in Higher Education Award** – The District has developed its plan for implementing the $2.5 million award program. One of the most significant elements of this program are to deepen the college’s collaboration with the high schools. This collaboration is anticipated to include outreach, expectation setting, curriculum alignment, and dual enrollment. The objectives are to better prepare students for college and to accelerate their progress toward a degree, certificate or transfer. Over the past few weeks college leaders have conducted several meetings with K-12 leaders. The joint kick-off meeting with the Oroville Union High School District administrators and department chairs is scheduled to occur in late May.

**Technology Center** – Negotiations are underway with vendors for each of the three major initiatives. Upcoming milestones are for the Educational Planning Initiative to release a test version of the system-wide portal and for the Online Education Initiative to revise the California Virtual Campus website to feature online transfer degree programs. The Common Assessment Initiative is focusing on defining multiple measures and test validation.

**Vice President – Administration**

**Power Outage** – On April 6, 2015, the college with the rest of Butte County, lost electric power. With lunch time quickly approaching, instead of closing down, Dining Services responded by breaking out the barbecue. Instead of losing money, Dining Services sold through twelve cases, or approximately 300 hamburgers, despite running out of hamburger buns.

**MSC Beautification Project** – The Management Association has been working with the Facilities Planning and Management department to organize a Managers’ Work Day on May 1, 2015. This project will include a landscape renovation on the corner of Durham-Pentz and Clark Roads, affectionately known as Perry’s Corner.
Vice President – Student Learning & Economic Development

Welding Award – Don Robinson, Miles Peacock, and Denise Adams attended the National Association of State Directors of Career & Technical Education conference in Washington, D.C. last week to receive the Excellence in Action Award for Manufacturing for our Butte College Welding Technology Program. Butte College was one of only two community colleges in the nation to be recognized. Only nine total awards were given.

Spring Sports – It has been a great spring for Roadrunner Athletics! Ten of our thirteen teams have made the play-offs. Our Softball team finished 13-3 in the Golden Valley Conference and won their first championship since 1988. The Baseball team finished 2nd in the GVC and will be in the play-offs on May 1-2. Track & Field will compete in the GVC championships on April 25th and the Nor-Cal Trials on May 1st. Kiley Mansfield (Softball) was recently named California Community College Athletic Association Player of the State. Athletes of the Year, Arthur Caldwell (Basketball) and Sarah Brandt (Cross Country/Track and Field), will be honored at the Chico Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on May 5th at the Elks Lodge in Chico. The Academic Athlete Awards Banquet will be held May 21st 11am in the Center for Excellence.

Small Business Development Center – Because Butte College’s Small Business Development Center was identified for its Best Practices in delivering support to our community, the Governor’s Office piloted a study to assess the effectiveness of the program over a one year period (with emphasis on capital infusion for businesses) from October 2014 through September 2015, with outcome evaluation at the end of March 2015. Based on Butte’s stellar program performance after a six month’s period under the direction of Sophie Konuwa, the Go-Biz Governor’s Office decided not only to continue the funding through September 2015, but to continue funding the 34 SBDCs in the State of California annually at a minimum of $2,000,000.

Rotary Educator of the Year – Boyd Trolinger, Department Chair for Computer Science & Design and Sustainable Technologies and Chair of the BC Curriculum Committee, will be recognized as Rotary Educator of the Year on Tuesday, April 28th, in Chico.