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**

- Study Abroad is underway in Costa Rica. Eighteen students and one faculty member are spending five weeks in Costa Rica. They left June 8th and will return July 20th. Students are enjoying watching the World Cup since Costa Rica is doing so well! In fact, they won their group and are moving on to the knock-out rounds! You can follow the group on Facebook: “Study Abroad in Costa Rica.”

- Successful start to our summer session. The schedule is almost 20 sections larger than last summer with added general education, transfer, career tech, and basic skills classes. Lots of new online sections.

**Vice President – Administration**

- Our cash position has improved dramatically over 2012-2013. There is better cash flow for the state from decreased deferrals, and Butte College was fronted approximately $14.6 million in March 2014 to start work on the technology grants. This increased our General Fund cash balance to over $40.3 million in April 2014. Our highest cash balance in the General Fund in 2012-2013 was approximately $20.4 million.

- A quick summary of how 2013-2014 went for IRS and PG&E rebates:

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*(Per cash flow summary with conservative estimates)*
Vice President – Planning, Research & Organizational Development

This summer Information Technology is implementing a number of projects to support student learning and student success. Some of these projects are being completed this summer while others will continue into the academic year. These projects include:

- Implementing Image Now to enable staff to scan transcripts directly into the college’s enterprise resource and planning system
- Replacing the firewalls to improve network security
- Completing a network port authentication solution to improve the ability of students and guests to securely access the college’s wireless network
- Replacing nine smart classrooms in the Technology Building and adding two smart classrooms in the Skyway Center
- Installing six computer labs (upgrading four existing labs and adding two new tablet labs)

Out of 37 colleges applying to the Common Assessment project, Butte College along with 11 others was chosen to pilot the new placement system for Math, English, and ESL. Selected Butte faculty and staff will be joining work groups to build the placement instruments as well as select and govern the online testing platform.

The CCC Technology Center has released Request for Information (RFI) to vendors of Course Management Systems, Education Planning & Degree Audit Systems, and Assessment Platforms, to provide information to selection committees as they prepare RFP’s in the coming months for the three initiatives. In addition, a Student Services Portal committee is meeting to work on a System wide Student Portal that will customize and sequence activities/information to message students during the matriculation process about how to be successful and take advantage of essential services offered by the college.

Vice President – Student Services

The Center for Academic Success (CAS) has seen several programs take off in the past year. The Math 217 Basic Skills Supplemental Instruction program saw a 20 percent increase in number of student participation hours, while the newly-developed International Student Success program expanded its offerings. Student use of CAS services at the Chico Center increased by over 50 percent from 2012-2013 and additional tutors are planned to support student success there in the coming year, specifically for math and writing assistance.

Other good news at the Chico Center is the return of summer session tutoring on a limited basis in math and accounting. On the main campus, the CAS team hosted the popular “Koffee, Kookies (Krispy Kremes), and Konversations with Kim” in the spring as well as site visits with colleagues from College of Marin and Lake Tahoe Community College.CAS continues to serve as a model of effective practices for learning assistance centers in the state and nationally, through conference presentations and Basic Skills publications.