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

- **Athletics Webpage** – Institutional Advancement team member Jerry Garcia worked with the Athletics Director and staff to refresh all of the Athletics webpages. The refresh significantly improved the look, feel, and accessibility of information on this page.

- **Image Now** – This is a document imaging system that enables information to be scanned directly into the college’s Enterprise Resources and Planning System (Colleague). This is foundational for implementing electronic education plans since so many of our students have transcripts from other institutions. Implementation of this project has begun and is proceeding well.

- **Information Technology (IT)** – From a technology standpoint, the start of school has gone very well. IT has logged approximately 1,400 requests since the faculty returned, and is continuing to stay at about an 86% closure rate for requests opened between August 18 and September 5, 2014.

Vice President – Administration

- **Campus Police** – We had a busy first couple of weeks and received a lot of odd calls, strange behavior and a couple of traffic collisions. Parking went well overall and settled down during the second week. This year we are going to push presentations of the “Shots Fired on Campus” training. This training is a more personal approach to safety on and off campus. This training emphasizes a thinking approach to personal safety during a crisis.

- **Business Office** – We have completed closing the books on 2013-14 and the numbers look much better than budgeted. In the Final 2013-14 Budget we had projected to spend down our reserves by approximately $1 million to $13.64 million. Instead, we closed the books with almost $16.3 million. Some of the items that led to the increase in the ending fund balance for 13/14 include:
  
  - $1.5 million in unspent supplies and services budgets
  - $225,000 additional increase in apportionment revenue due to reported increase in FTES and available growth dollars.
  - $285,000 in additional non-resident tuition received above budget.
  - $150,000 savings from the part-time faculty budget due to cancelled classes.
  - $480,000 from IRS and PG&E rebates received above budgeted amounts.

Also, the $1 million transfer-in from the retiree benefits fund to the general fund was not needed due to additional salaries and benefit savings from vacant positions.
Vice President – Student Learning & Economic Development

- Constitution Day is September 17, 2014. Cynthia Bynoe and Katy Sylvia will lead a discussion regarding California’s prison overcrowding problem during a brown bag lunch in the Center for Excellence from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Interactive small group discussions will be part of the activity.

- Butte College’s Art Gallery exhibit “Fire” is running from August 28 through September 25, 2014 and showcases ceramic works from faculty and staff. Gallery hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 11:30am, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:30pm.

- Butte College ranked well in the Top 100 for awards of degrees and certificates. We are ranked:

  #41 for one-year certificates  
  #39 for associate degrees in Agriculture, Agriculture Operations and Related Sciences  
  #37 for associate degrees in Communication, Journalism & Related Programs  
  #23 for associate degrees in Family & Consumer Sciences  
  #46 for associate degrees in Natural Resources  
  #36 for associate degrees in Nursing

- Recent graduates of the Butte College Respiratory Care program passed their Board exams with a 93% success rate. 27 of 29 students passed.

Vice President – Student Services

- Butte College was just notified that it will receive $787,674 as its share of the $70 million dollars the state has allocated towards student equity in the California Community College system. The overarching equity goal at Butte College is to provide a teaching and learning environment that is welcoming, supportive, and accessible to all participants, regardless of ethnicity, culture, nationality, language, disability, gender, sexual orientation, or religion and to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity for academic success.

- The Butte College Student Equity Plan will be featured during a study session presentation to the Board on October 15, 2014.