ACC Mission Statement

To provide an accessible, responsive learning environment that facilitates the achievement of educational, professional and personal goals by our students and other members of our communities in an atmosphere that embraces academic excellence, diversity and innovation.

- **Campus Planning:** Thank you to all SPU Leaders who attended training sessions during the week of February 14. Your investment in the process is duly noted.

- **NCA Accreditation Update:** As you know from Wednesday’s e-mail, ACC’s new Liaison to The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools is Mary Breslin. Due to Ms. Breslin’s prior commitments, we have readjusted the agenda for her visit to ACC on March 3. Please review the new agenda (attached) and adjust your schedule so that you can attend a session.

- I was notified this week that the System office will be publishing and distributing a twice-monthly e-newsletter for all System employees. This communiqué will include updates on State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education policies and actions, CCCS announcements, etc. Look for the first issue of *CCCS Connection* in your inbox in the next couple of weeks.

- I’m happy to announce that Spring International Language Center has been awarded a U.S. Department of State/AMIDEAST project to design and implement an “English for Special Purposes” program in Cyprus. The project is part of a Bicommmunal Support Program on the Mediterranean island between the Northern Turkish sector and southern Greek Cyprus. Connie Shoemaker, from the Spring School center at ACC, will join Dr. Vicki Berman-Lanier, Spring School University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in Cyprus on Feb. 26 to begin the assessment, training and curriculum development portion of the project. They will be assisted by Sonja Tilliros, former Spring instructor, who lives in Cyprus. Best wishes to Connie!

- I am informed that Tim Welch, ACC voice instructor, starred in the recent production of “Kiss Me Kate” at the Town Hall Arts Center. Thanks to Tim for representing ACC so well in the community!

- Sally Mason recently distributed a very clear explanation of the “ratcheting down” effect of the TABOR Amendment written by Colorado State Senator Ken Gordon. Since many of you have asked for this information, and since the document was not sent to everyone, I’m including it with this issue as an attachment. Thanks, Sally, for sharing this important information with the campus community.

- Don’t forget to avail yourselves of the professional development opportunities offered by CELT this semester. Contact Anita Frazier if you missed Ted Snow’s CELT e-mail.

- Remember today’s closure of College Drive and the service drive for the replacement of the rooftop boiler unit. (Just deliver your scrap paper to the recycling bin next week!)
Scott Finger will be instituting a regular subsection in Bert’s Alerts entitled “Learning Connection.” Take it away, Scott!

- To better reflect ACC’s mission and the recent incorporation of certain student services areas under Instruction, “Instructional Council” has been renamed “Learning Leadership.”
- I’m very excited about the topical, shared governance ACC Solution Teams that are forming and acting to address and resolve interdepartmental and college-wide challenges! Louie Sliter worked with leadership at UCC and ACC@DTC to make extended campus mail deliveries more efficient and effective. Interdepartmental Solution Teams are also forming to tackle issues such as textbook ordering and online course technology challenges. With such talent on this campus, we can’t help being successful when we sit down at the table and start brainstorming solutions!
- As dessert, a couple of photos are attached of recent RAK, MM and CIA award presentations! Keep those “way to go” nominations coming in.

“You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.”

-Charles Buxton