

*FCCCC President's Address
to the CCC Board of Trustees
Thursday, May 6, 1999*

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- Chairman Dyson, members of the Board, Chancellor Watson, Officers of the District, faculty, students, staff, and all others present, good morning.
- Council officers met with Academic Affairs Vice Chancellor Lewis and Associate Vice Chancellor Ferreri on Tuesday, April 27th. We discussed K - 16 and our partnership with the CPS; the Chancellor's response to Council's advisory guidelines on K - 16; work on articulation agreement with Loyola University; the rank promotion application; and the accelerating rate of faculty retirements.
- At Council's monthly meeting on April 28th, delegates unanimously extended the term of office for Vice President Grimes, Secretary Barbara Washington, and myself for an additional year.
—Committee A Chairman, Jack Lombard and his committee were applauded by Council members for their speedy processing of curriculum and program proposals throughout the year. The last program approved for the year is an A.A.S. Executive Assistant Program developed by Harold Washington College in which most, if not all, of the other Colleges share an interest.
—Council delegates discussed the District Office's response to our advisory guidelines and recommendations on K - 16. Vice Chancellor Lewis replied for the Chancellor, and the points made were generally well-received. Those items which Council delegates wish to explore further with Vice Chancellor Lewis are being framed by the Education Initiatives Committee (EIC). Briefly, delegates want assurance that those students out of the K - 16 loop are provided with the support services needed to upgrade their college survival skills.
- The EIC met at Malcolm X College on May 3, where the discussion focused on academic computing, particularly the importance of expanding faculty websites.
- On faculty retirements, it might be of interest to compare conditions in our system with those in the Library of Congress. Recently, the Librarian there was lamenting that in the next four years 50% of his employees will be eligible for retirement. In our system, over the next four years, as many as 60 to 70% will be eligible for retirement.
- This concludes my report.

Sincerely,

Sal Attinello
FCCCC President
