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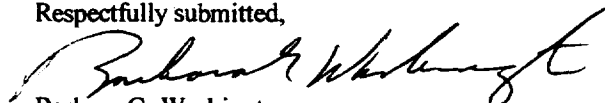
FCCCC President's Address  
CCC Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, November 2, 2000

- Chairman Tyree, members of the Board, Chancellor Watson, Officers of the District, faculty, staff, and all others present: Good morning.
- I'll begin this morning with a recap of some highlights of the past month's activities in which faculty have been involved. Of course, this list is not all inclusive. The longer I serve as Faculty Council President, the more I discover about the many, varied activities and contributions made by faculty to City Colleges beyond their work in the classroom and with students.
- First of all, congratulations to Chancellor Watson and the City Colleges of Chicago, Truman College and President Phoebe Helm, and all who worked so hard to make the recent TechEd Conference such a worthwhile conference to attend. I participated in both days of the conference. I can honestly say that I enjoyed all of the sessions I went to and that I actually brought back information that I could use and share with others (which I have). I was able to attend several excellent sessions presented by CCC faculty (Polly Hoover-WR, Audrey Turner-KK, and Wylmarie Sykes-MX) and I was impressed with the presentations.
- The K-16 project is in full swing. CCC faculty is working with their respective high schools. Faculty and their high school counterparts have been meeting and working together to assure a smooth transition for the students. Library faculty will be added in the spring to those from math, English, and counseling. This addition is needed because so many of the students come to the colleges lacking the library skills necessary for successfully completing their information seeking and research needs.
- A number of curriculum additions and changes were approved at Committee A this month. I again ask that the colleges please submit curriculum changes to the Committee A secretary in a timely fashion so that members of Committee A have time to review the changes and share the information with relevant faculty on their campuses. Rules were bent somewhat at the October meeting because of the threat of a breakdown in negotiations.
- At the monthly meeting between the FCCCC executive committee and the Office of Academic Affairs several informational items were discussed. Associate Vice Chancellor McMillan shared information on the Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD). CORD is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to leading change in education through projects and programs that prepare students for the technological workplace of the future. Twenty-five of our faculty have completed the contextual teaching fellows program, which is very exciting. More information on this project and the accomplishments of these faculty will be forthcoming.
- Applications for Sabbatical leaves for Spring will be distributed shortly.
- There are a number of articulation agreements and dual enrollment agreements in the works. It takes a lot of hard work by both administration and faculty in bringing these agreements to fruition.
- A number of Focus Groups led by IBM consultants were held last week addressing the vision and goals of the Office of Information Technology. One group consisting of twelve faculty met on Friday morning. Many ideas were shared. A vision statement draft has been sent to the participants for further feedback.
- On the topic of Focus Groups, I want to commend OIT for responding to some of the suggestions given at the Focus group for the CCC website. There have been a number of changes made in our website reflecting these suggestions.
- I would like to end my report with a little bit of reflection. As this is the meeting coming right before Thanksgiving, there are many things that we, as part of the City Colleges of Chicago, can be thankful for:
  - We can be thankful for the dedicated faculty, staff, administration, and other personnel who create miracles of success even with limited resources;
  - We can be thankful for the success of so many of our students; they make our efforts worthwhile.
  - We can be thankful for four more years of uninterrupted operation.

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- We can be thankful for our supporters who make our work a little easier and for our critics because they help us strengthen our efforts.
  - We can be thankful for several recent articles of positive press in Chicago papers.
  - We can be thankful for the increase in enrollment at several of our colleges.
  - We can be thankful for the rich programs which are being developed and improved for our campuses.
  - And each one of us can think of many other reasons to be thankful.
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- I hope everyone has a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.
  - This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,



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FCCCC President