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FCCCC President's Address
CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting
Thursday, December 5th, 2003

Chairman Tyree, Chancellor Watson, members of the Board, Officers of the District, faculty, staff and all others present, Good morning.

Today, I will be very brief. I want to focus primarily on the excellent work of our faculty and staff as represented by the awards to distinguished faculty and staff.

Committee A and Faculty Council met in November and discussed issues concerning faculty governance and dissemination of information. In January, for both committees, I plan to make a presentation on our Blackboard web site and the links to ittransfer.org, iccfa.org, and the concomitant links to the Illinois Articulation Initiative and other educational initiatives. Associate Vice Chancellor Jose Aybar appeared before Faculty Council and we had a good discussion about our interdependent roles in instituting excellence across the district. We hope that this will be the beginning of future productive discussions as well.

I want to turn, however, to today's honorees, the distinguished professors and employees of the district. These individuals represent the very best that our district can offer to our students; they are dedicated to the district, passionate about their work, generous with their expertise, committed to the mission of their colleges, and colleagues of the best kind. Our work at the community colleges is difficult enough; without colleagues such as these it would be impossible at all levels. I want to commend these men and women and thank them for the tremendous work that they have given to their colleges. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Hoover
FCCCC President