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FCCCC President's Address
CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting
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Good morning! Chairman Tyree, Chancellor Watson, members of the Board, Officers of the District, faculty, staff and all others present.

Today's address will be brief. It was just three short weeks ago that we were here and with the longer, combined meeting today, a shorter presentation seems appropriate.

The Executive Committee met on Monday. We discussed the on-going nursing situation and the challenges that the proposed changes to the pre-credit math curriculum present. We, the Faculty Council leadership, are pleased to be informed of these issues. The Executive Committee also went over the preliminary agenda for the Faculty Council retreat on August 19 at Wright. It promises to be an eventful retreat and I know that we are all eager to explore avenues to improve the City Colleges. I can assure you that at September's Board meeting I will have much to report from the retreat.

During the Executive Committee meeting, Vice Chancellor Lewis briefly introduced the Chancellor's Strategic Planning Initiative for 2011. As you all are aware, The World Is Flat by Thomas Friedman has made a great impression on the Chancellor and Friedman's book will help to frame the intellectual debate as the CCC begins to wrestle with the major paradigm shifts in education. I look forward to serving on the Initiative's committee.

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to the trustees to attend one of our Faculty Council meetings during the year. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at Malcolm X College at 3PM. I invite you in the spirit of shared governance and open communication. When I represented Daley College for three years on the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the FAC met monthly at different universities and colleges across the state. We always had an administrative or legislative representative meet with our group to discuss issues in higher education. The discussions proved lively and it was a safe venue for different constituents to present their interests and points of view. It is those dynamic experiences that I hope to replicate with your visit.

Respectfully submitted,

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