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FCCCC President's Address  
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Good morning! Chairman Tyree, Chancellor Watson, members of the Board, Officers of the District, faculty, staff and all others present. I, too, would like to extend a special welcome to new trustee Gloria Castillo. Like you, I am new in my position and I hope that we will both be able to offer insights and our unique perspectives to this distinguished Board for the benefit of the Institution.

Today's address will be short. I am aware of the nursing issue and continue to stress communication, openness and the involvement of all parties such that everyone involved, and especially the students, are made whole.

The Executive Committee met on Monday and discussed the proposed realignment of the pre-credit math program. Essentially the current model as it exists is flawed and we, faculty and administration, need to address this problem. What is encouraging is that the administration is seeking input from the math department chairs and math faculty to arrive at a solution that will benefit students. While it promises to be a difficult process, I am confident that it can be done. On Monday Dr. Lewis and Associate Vice Chancellor Aybar reiterated the administration's intention of working with the chairs, faculty and Faculty Council to iron out the differences to arrive at a mutually satisfactory consensus. And if the proposed curriculum and program changes were approved, the District would provide training to full-time and part-time faculty in the new remedial math methodology. In the spirit of shared governance the plan will be presented to the faculty at the Faculty Council retreat in August and formally introduced to both Committee A and Faculty Council this fall.

With Project Align up and running in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools, this cooperation is essential. The world's economy is rapidly changing. We must continue to push ourselves to prepare our students for a future of productivity and personal success. Project Align certainly is a step towards that goal.

Respectfully submitted,

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