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**Summarization of the January 3, 2006
Academic and Student Services Committee Minutes**

The Board Committee on Academic and Student Services met on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, to hear staff reports.

Staff Reports:

Maria Moore, General Manager of WYCC, reported the year-end fundraiser was a rousing success. CCC conducted a two-day mystery marathon, spanning afternoons and evenings on New Years Eve and New Years Day. City Colleges' phone and web donation total for the event was just over \$19,000, a figure CCC expects to rise once we are able to open the mail contributions which arrived at the station over the holidays. Ms. Moore will provide a full report for the Board next month on both our membership and underwriting efforts for the calendar year.

City Colleges has agreed to a two-year extension to our agreement with Bruce DuMont for broadcasting Beyond the Beltway on Sunday nights. This agreement gives us another voice in Springfield during legislative season and a forum for local, state and national political discussions from a Chicago point of view.

Deidra J. Lewis, Executive Vice Chancellor acknowledged an honor recently bestowed upon Wright College. In April of 2005, Wright College administered the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). Based on students' ratings of classroom expectations, Wright was named a top performing institution in the *Reaching for Excellence: Academic Challenge* category.

Also, Honorable Judge Gerald Bender, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, was selected as the AACC Alumni of the Year. He was honored in April at the national convention. Judge Bender is a Wright College alum.

President Clyde El-Amin provided an update on the Kennedy-King College Nursing Programs' NLNAC status. While the commission is not recommending accreditation renewal for the Nursing Program at Kennedy-King College, the College has appealed and during the appeal process, the accreditation has been reinstated.

The District-wide Nursing Administrators will be meeting next week to put the final touches on the Nursing curriculum.

Several days ago there was an article in the Tribune regarding enrollment at the City Colleges of Chicago. The economy, tuition increases, the faculty strike, Peoplesoft implementation and construction issues are all factors which have contributed to the decline in enrollment. CCC will focus on marketing efforts and retention strategies to reverse the enrollment decline.