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FCCCC President's Address
CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting
Thursday, October 5, 2006

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

At the September Faculty Council meeting, three items of importance were discussed. First, we approved a new Associate of Fine Arts Degree for Truman College. We also passed a resolution that reads, in part:

... all future course proposals ... presented to the District Curriculum Committee (Committee A) or to the District Faculty Council... [e]ffective immediately all such proposals must be originated and locally approved through the CurricUNET software before they can be brought to the district.

Essentially we're trying to help jump start the new CurricUNET program. We recognize that there will be a learning curve but, at some point, we have to begin. And, just like with PeopleSoft, there will be wrinkles to iron out and bugs to be debugged. The other issue involves the Center for Distance Learning. There are concerns about academic freedom within each course and the integrity of the quality of the courses themselves. These issues have been raised with Executive Vice Chancellor Lewis and we look forward to discussing these concerns with her and the Interim Dean, Darryl Todd.

There are also multiple initiatives concurrently on-going and/or beginning and, quite frankly, one needs multiple calendars to keep them all straight. The Curriculum Re-calibration Initiative is continuing and some of their recommendations have been implemented already. The Spanish Language Initiative, of which I am a part, met last Friday to lay the groundwork for acceptance into the program. We discussed the criteria for the twenty-one students (three students from each campus) and will meet again on October 13 to finalize them. Finally, the District is gearing up for its "No Boundaries Conference" on November 10 at Malcolm X College and the Globalization Town Hall meeting at Daley College on November 16.

Finally I would like offer a simple solution to a Board Resolution adopted on May 6, 1993: "Policy and Procedure for the Selection of a College President." During the recent Olive-Harvey Presidential Search Committee there was confusion regarding who was allowed to participate on the committee. The May 1993 resolution reads, in part, "The CCC Faculty Council president shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Search Committee." I think that this provision should be changed to include the phrase, "or designee of the Faculty Council President." "The CCC Faculty Council president or *designee of the Faculty Council President* shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Search Committee." I think this would better follow the spirit of the law because, in doing some research into recent past presidential search committees, the *local* Faculty Council president attended, not the *district* Faculty Council president.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 18 at 3PM at Malcolm X College.

Respectfully submitted,
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