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July 17, 2007 – District 508 Board Meeting
District-Wide Faculty Council Report
Presented by Keith McCoy,
Vice President of the Faculty Council of Chicago City Colleges

Good morning, Chairman Tyree, Chancellor Watson, members of the Board, Officers of the District and all others present. I would also like to extend a special welcome and congratulations to one of my favorite administrators, new interim president of Truman College, Lynn Walker. As we end the summer term and move toward the fall term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some initiatives that City Colleges of Chicago has taken and use these as a precursor of what I hope to come this next school year.

Some years ago, Chancellor Watson initiated a recalibration of the academic curriculum, beginning with the math curriculum. This recalibration came after years of infighting and struggle to provide standardized curriculum. However, with the support of Executive Vice Chancellor Deidre Lewis, and the tremendous push from Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Aybar, we were able to begin creating consensus to bring about standardized curriculum within many disciplines.

Later, Chancellor Watson began the summer research institute to uncover the best practices among adult education, remedial education, and general education programs. Teams of faculty (part-time and full-time) and administrators worked together to identify curriculum, program and services that CCC could utilize to serve our students better.

Finally, three years ago, the district began an initiative to increase global education/awareness within the CCC curriculum. This initiative started and continues in Salzburg, Austria and now includes Salamanca, Spain. Students, faculty members and administrators have all been exposed to this experience in order to provide an enriching understanding of the place of CCC in a global society.

Although the aforementioned activities do not include all that has been or is currently being undertaken by CCC, there is a constant theme that emanates from these initiatives. This is teamwork. One of the reasons why I enjoy working at Wright College with my president, Dr. Guengerich, is that teamwork is encouraged. As with many teams, not all members will always agree. However, when teams operate effectively and reach consensus, shared governance, shared responsibility and buy-in will be created. As demonstrated by the three initiatives mentioned earlier.

Hence, I implore Chancellor Watson and the district to continue on this path but to also make sure that this theme even trickles down to other areas. These include the tenure process and other management decisions. Because at the end of the day, it is about the CCC team doing the best it can for our students.

Lastly, I would like to announce and extend an invitation to the District Faculty Council's Retreat on Friday, August, 17, at the Westside Technical Institute.

Keith McCoy