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

At the last Board meeting I mentioned a 'diversity requirement' that has caused a minor uproar. After some research, it turns out that this requirement was established by Illinois Public Act 87-0581 and signed into law on September 18, 1991. Several colleges were informed that they were not in compliance with the district's human diversity requirement, thus the confusion. Since the district is trying to standardize the college catalogs, this 'diversity requirement' has appeared in various catalogs with different statements referring to the requirement as either an IAI or a college requirement. I was remiss in not following up with Executive Vice Chancellor Lewis to clarify when I heard about this. In any event, it has been sorted out and the district Faculty Council has sent out an email to all local faculty councils explaining what the 'diversity requirement' is as well as its brief history.

On Monday during the Executive Committee meeting, Associate Vice Chancellor Aybar gave an update on the study abroad programs to Salamanca and Salzburg as well as future plans for China next fall and France in the summer of 2009. We were also happy to find out that Kennedy-King College is going to reinstate its ADN program in fall 2008.

Finally, we are all saddened by the tragedy at Northern Illinois University. Words cannot sufficiently express the sorrow and outrage that we all feel. It seems that these tragedies are becoming unavoidable as the ready access to guns in our society allows anyone who wishes to commit murder to be able to. At our last Faculty Council meeting, we discussed safety issues on our campuses, not just from someone with a gun, but also the more prevalent threats of violence and sexual harassment from students towards the faculty. The overall consensus is that we don't feel safe. One member asked, "If I hear gunshots in the hallway, what am I to do? Duck?" We do not want to see metal detectors at every entrance at every school. But, in light of the NIU shootings, we hope that the district and each campus have begun to reexamine safety plans at each campus and that we are made aware of them. Additionally, at the start of each academic year, we recommend that drills be held at each campus to remind us of our roles during an emergency, be they of fire, medical, tornado or gun violence. As the saying goes, "Prepare for the worst, hope for the best."

Respectfully submitted,

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