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February 5, 2009 – District 508 Board Meeting
District-Wide Faculty Council Report
Submitted by Keith McCoy,
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Good morning, Chairman Tyree, Chancellor Watson, members of the Board, Officers of the District and all others present.

Faculty council is in the process of revising our constitution, including reviewing our role within district academic policies and procedures. We hope to have this completed and reviewed by May. Foreign language faculty members met in January and are preparing the way for the new foreign language requirement for the Associates of Arts degree in the fall 2009 semester.

Faculty council along with the offices of academic affairs and OIT met with Pearson Publishing to discuss the concept of integrating their MyMathLab product with CCC's Blackboard system. There are still questions to be answered. However, it demonstrates faculty council's commitment to assist the district in strategizing ways to lower textbook costs for students. By providing a cheaper means of student access to learning technologies, we also hope to impact student achievement and success.

Lastly, I wanted to offer my two-cent concern for CCC's chancellor vacancy. While faculty council is poised to work with whoever becomes the new Chancellor, I hope that diligence and good judgment are used during the selection process. Since faculty members had not been asked our opinion about the selection of a new chancellor, I am using this opportunity to offer mine as Faculty Council President. The chancellorship is more than a consolation prize for someone who was not selected as CEO for the Chicago Public Schools (refer to Chicago Sun-Times January 26). I believe that the chancellorship role is important for guiding leadership within the district. As such, it is important that the person stepping into that role has knowledge

of unique districts like CCC. We are seven independently-accredited institutions, each with its own history and culture, but yet represent one district. The new chancellor would be served well by having knowledge of institutional history, policies and practices. CCC has done a lot to foster and nurture good relationships among faculty and administration over the past few years. A wrong selection can undo the good work that has been accomplished. While not every person who is bright can teach, not every person with a degree can lead. Thus, with all the great leadership that exists among our current administration, I hope a person is chosen from within our own ranks to help fill the chancellor's shoes that will be left vacant.