

April 15, 2010 – District 508 Board Meeting
District-Wide Faculty Council Report
Submitted by Keith McCoy,
President of the Faculty Council of Chicago City Colleges

Good afternoon to the Board of Trustees, Officers of the District, and guests.

I want to extend a special welcome to Chairman Chico and Chancellor Hyman. Faculty Council looks forward to working with both of you.

Textbook costs continue to be a concern for Faculty council. We will keep monitoring the practices of faculty and academic departments to ensure that decisions take into account financial impact to students. We hope to leverage our relationships with publishers like Pearson, whose textbooks we voluminously use across the district, to offer lower costs to students.

Faculty Council will continue to collaborate with Academic Affairs in order to provide sound and good academic policies. We will provide Academic Affairs with a list of “good practices” that we would like to see involved in the tenure process. Our goal is to make sure that the process is transparent and fair for all stakeholders.

As CCC prepares to conclude the spring semester, Faculty Council wants to assist the district and faculty with late syllabi or course approvals. As a result, we will hold a special session on May 5 in order to meet these needs.

I wish all a great day. I wish our student trustee, Antony Chungath, much success in his future endeavors. It was a pleasure watching him grow from a student into a leader.

Thank you.