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May 12, 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, Chairman Gery Chico, Chancellor Cheryl Hyman, Officers of the District, and guests.

As we wind down the academic school year, I want to take the opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees and Academic Affairs for working with faculty and students in partnership for the betterment of the City Colleges of Chicago. For my almost two decades of service within the CCC system, I believe this has been the best rapport and working relationship among students, faculty, administration, union, and the board. I hope that this relationship will continue and grow.

I am also very proud of the accomplishments of District-wide Faculty Council under my tenure as President.

Faculty council crafted a foreign language requirement for the Associates of Arts degree which began in the fall 2009 semester. We continue to support this requirement. Recently, under the direction of Associate Vice Chancellor Cecilia Lopez, District-wide Faculty Council approved four new courses in Latin for which we are very proud.

Faculty council supports increasing the use of technology among faculty and staff. We backed Academic Affairs requirement that all faculty post their student syllabi on Blackboard. We hope that the use of innovative technology to support instruction and students continue and increase.

Faculty Council, of course, supported students by prioritizing textbook costs concerns and being a resource for nursing students and their concerns. Faculty council along with Academic Affairs initiated several conversations with publishers from which reduced costs for course materials using instructional technology and volume-cost savings were explored. This is still an ongoing initiative.

Faculty council has endeavored to increase shared governance within the CCC system. We sincerely thank Vice Chancellor Angela Henderson for her immense support of faculty in this area. With the revision of the District-wide Faculty Council constitution which was vetted by faculty and Academic Affairs, we continue on a great path where faculty are not passively following academic policy and initiatives but actively engaged in creating them.

I feel very comfortable that, as I transition from my role as faculty member (for over 17 years) to administration, faculty council is walking not separately but in tandem with our CCC partners (i.e., students, faculty, staff, administration, and the general public). So, I leave very proud of our new administrative leadership and welcome our new faculty leadership. Professor Ellen Eason-Montgomery, who teaches criminal justice at Harold Washington College and past District-wide Curriculum Committee Chair, is the newly-elected President of Faculty Council City Colleges of Chicago. I can think of no better faculty member to assume this mantle of leadership. I welcome the new student trustee and look forward to our new future together.

Thank you.