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April 07, 2011 – District 508 Board Meeting
District-Wide Faculty Council Report
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Good Morning to Board of Trustees, Chairman Martin Cabrera Jr., Chancellor Cheryl Hyman, Officers of the District, and guests.

Faculty Council would like to thank you for meeting with us early in the morning of March 23. Seven Presidents of each CCC campus along with the Executive members of the District Faculty council met with Chairman Carbrea, Chancellor Hyman, Provost Henderson, Perry Buckley and various officers of the district to discuss the beginning of a process to address issues and concerns raised during our March 17 Faculty meeting.

The opportunity to meet with the Chairman of the Board, The Chancellor, The Provost along with Officers of the District, to discuss our concerns was historic for faculty council. The conversation was positive and productive and a process faculty council hopes to continue. All attending this meeting agreed to work to improve communication and work to develop a vision of the process.

As a result of the concerns emanating from the Malcolm X Faculty Council Meeting March 17 2011, District Faculty Council adopted the following statement redefining the role of CCC faculty in the shared governance of the city colleges.

"The College curriculum, including entrance and exit tests, text book and instructional resources, student grading, the content of syllabi for credit



courses, and library instruction, departmental policies and all modes of course content and delivery, is the responsibility of the faculty. The faculty must have representation on committees for all academic policies prior to their implementation.

The faculty pledge in good faith to work with the administration and all colleagues across the district, on academic policies under the agreement that individual faculty members and departments have the final say on all of the aforementioned curricular decisions."

Faculty Council looks forward to the continuation of the dialogue begun a few weeks ago so that we can have a clear understanding of the relationship between the faculty and the board of trustees-spelling out what our specific roles will be.