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FCCCC President's Address
CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2013

Chair Wolff, Chancellor Hyman, members of the board, officers of the district, faculty, staff, and all others present, good morning. I hope everyone had a nice Fourth of July holiday.

A few status updates:

1.) The Complete College America GPS Institute in Orlando, Fl. was informative and the CCC team had good brainstorming discussions. Later this month, the same team members will be headed to Portland, Oregon for the Summer 2013 Completion Academy 1.0. I expect this academy will be equally informative, and Curriculum Chair, Professor Maria Jaskot-Inclan and I will bring rigorous faculty input to the discussions and activities.

2.) I have requested--and have been granted--weekly phone conferences for the faculty across the district working on the REI7 Pathways Project this summer. This has been helpful for general briefing on the work at hand and to address trouble-shooting issues. These phone conferences will continue for the rest of the summer, and I expect into the fall semester. It's clear from the conferences we've had thus far, the faculty working on REI7 Pathways have given thoughtful attention to the very detailed work involved in this project, have candidly expressed concerns and questions, and have made meaningful recommendations. I'd like to thank all the faculty for their work this summer and Senior Project Team Leader, Charles Ansell, for setting up these conferences for myself and the REI7 faculty.

3.) The preparation work for Faculty Development Week continues. We've received many proposals from both faculty and administrators, so the line-up looks good. I want to give a big thanks to Cris Sayers who has been lovely to work with in the planning of FDW. Also, a big thanks goes out to the faculty members who served on the committee: Professor Jennifer Alexandra, Daley College; Professor Ivanhoe Tejada, Harold Washington College ; Professor Lavina Williams, Olive-Harvey College; and Professor Tanisha Rufus, Daley College.

4.) Now that our Interim Provost Dr. Vernese Edghill-Walden has settled in, she and I will start meeting regularly. I look forward to our meeting next week on July 15th, and at this meeting I will supply her with a status report of all the FC4 initiatives that have been started and the ones we'd like to see get started.

5.) We've had two meetings on a possible FC4 Faculty Retreat, and they have been good. With the holiday weekend behind us, I will be reaching out to administration on next steps for the planning of the retreat.

6.) Lastly, FC4 reps and myself, along with district and college administrators, have met with Meredith Sparks from Reinvention to discuss the Program Approval Process (PAC). These meetings have been good. Curriculum Chair, Professor Maria Jaskot-Inclan and Professor Polly Hoover will be working closely with Meredith to help bring greater transparency to the PAC process, and I will be on hand to periodically review the work the team has completed. Given the success of the first two meetings held in June, I anticipate positive outcomes from this initiative.

Respectfully submitted,
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