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FCCCC President's Address  
CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting  
Thursday, May 2, 2013

Chair Wolff, Chancellor Hyman, members of the board, officers of the district, faculty, staff, and all others present, good morning.

I'll begin with a few updates.

1) FC4 had elections. I will remain as president, Truman College; Professor Thomas Higgins from Harold Washington College is Vice President; Professor Maria Jaskot-Incan from Wright College is Chair of Committee A, the curriculum committee; Professor Julius Nadius from Wright College is secretary. I would like to thank Professor Polly Hoover for her service this past year, and I look forward to working with the officers and the full FC4 council in the next term. I will be around during the summer serving on various committee initiatives. My summer calendar is already filling up with meetings.

2) FC4 would also like to say thank you to Provost Kojo Quartey for all his effort and support of faculty in the last two years. FC4 sends the very, very best of wishes to him and his family.

3) FC4 happily looks forward to working with Interim Provost Vernese Edghill-Walden, and FC4 wishes her the very best in her new role.

4) I hope, Chairman Wolff, you had a nice visit when at Truman College recently. I have had a chance to speak with some of the faculty who attended the meeting with you, and each faculty member mentioned your comment about Reinvention 7 signaling a shift towards more local college control, and I must say this was positively received. Truman's local council has set up a meeting with Peggy Korellis for a full briefing on Reinvention 7 at Truman. If it hasn't already happened, I would like to suggest that all of our college administrations help arrange meetings with their respective faculty councils and Reinvention 7 teams for briefing meetings. Any actions taken to keep the lines of communication open between local administration and faculty and staff will go a long way toward improved partnership and shared governance.

5) Most recently I met with Vice Chancellor Laurent Pernot and Executive Director of Strategic Planning Scott Martyn to begin discussion on the FC4 Faculty Retreat. It was a good meeting, and both sides have agreed to make a short list of key topics of interest to address at the FC4 retreat, and at a meeting in June we will compare lists and continue with the planning of the event.

6)The planning for faculty development week continues. We've been getting proposals for presentations, discussing possibilities for keynote speakers or panel guests, et al. Executive Director Jonathan Keizer has been great to work with, but we do need a planning meeting to discuss other logistical issues.

7) And soon I'll be leaving to join colleagues in Minnesota for the CUR conference, and I would just like to say Vice President Margie Martyn has been fantastic in helping coordinate this event. We have faculty from all 7 colleges with flights booked, cell phone numbers exchanged, briefing meetings, and dinner plans arranged. Our hope is to come back with ideas and possibilities for new learning opportunities for our students throughout CCC.

8) I leave for this trip Joyful and hopeful about new possibilities. And that is the way it should be in an educational institution. Learning should be joyful. School should be joyful.

Respectfully submitted,  
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