

FCCCC President's Address

CCC Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday November 3, 2016

Good morning Chairman Middleton, Board of Trustees and Chancellor Hyman. I am happy to present this report today on behalf of Faculty Council.

This past month has been exciting for faculty, staff, and administration throughout the district. On Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> the City Colleges of Chicago began the process of formally soliciting nominations and applications for the position of Chancellor. This announcement reflects a thoughtful process that our Board of Trustees has undertaken, in conjunction with the AGB Search team, to solicit feedback at every college from faculty, students, and staff about the future of our City Colleges and the qualities of leadership we envision to help us get there.

Looking at the national posting for the position of Chancellor, one of the named attributes we seek is "Regard for faculty and staff contributions and engagement in shared governance practices and empowerment." In this spirit, we are very hopeful that this is and will continue to be a thoughtful and collaborative process that is inclusive and honors the diversity of our District. Speaking on behalf of the three faculty members who are serving on the Search Committee: myself, Professor Joseph Craan from Olive Harvey College, and Professor Gabriella Muralles-Ball from Malcolm X College: we are honored to have been selected. In preparation for the search and the transition to a new leadership team, we are all reading the book "First Among Equals: The Role of the Chief Academic Officer" (Martin, J. & Samels, J.E. & Associates. (1997). Baltimore, MD: The John Hopkins University Press.)

We know from our initial conversation with the Search Committee on September 21<sup>st</sup> that faculty, as well as the other members of the Search Committee are meant to represent more than

each of our respective roles. Rather, we each are to represent all of the stakeholders of the City Colleges both now and in the future: students, communities, staff, administrators, and faculty. Importantly, we will honor- as is stated in the Position Announcement "...a vision for and commitment to [our] community college mission." We will do our absolute best to uphold this great responsibility. It was clear to me from our first meeting that the other members of the Search Committee share this commitment. Faculty Council is hopeful that we will continue to collaborate in a meaningful way with our Board of Trustees and the other members of the Search Committee as we look towards the future of our City Colleges. Thank you for what has been a thoughtful and methodical process.

Go Cubs!

This concludes my report. Thank you very much for your time today.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Alexander, on Behalf of the Faculty Council of the City Colleges of Chicago