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FCCCC President's Address  
CCC Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday December 7, 2017

Board of Trustees, Chancellor Salgado, Provost Potter: good morning! My report today will focus on what has been a remarkably busy month for Faculty Council and our work with our Chancellor, Provost and district officers. Before I begin, I'd like to say how excited we were to see that Chairman Massey is in Sweden attending the Nobel Prize for Physics award ceremony this week, and that he is conducting a conversation with CCC students via Skype tomorrow morning at Malcolm X College. As Dr. Massey mentioned in his video, Faculty Council leaders from all of our 7 colleges will be meeting with Dr. Massey next week.

Although CCC has faced some challenging news stories over the past month... I am encouraged by the Chancellor's and Provost's responsiveness to the FC4 concerns. When we sent a letter on behalf of FC4 on a Friday, the Chancellor and Provost organized a meeting with the full council by the following Wednesday. The meeting was long, and some of the issues we discussed were difficult. Of course the large, public institution that is CCC is going to face challenges from time to time but the larger point is that we work TOGETHER – faculty and administration and student leaders– to face these challenges and to overcome them together. One outcome of this meeting is that district will be working to share more data with FC4 in our joint meetings moving forward. This is a positive step and one that really makes sense. I can say that faculty left that meeting feeling better than when we arrived, and that Chancellor Salgado and Dr. Potter were ready to stay as long as needed that night to answer our questions. That is shared governance.

At our FC4 Executive Committee meeting this past Monday, Dr. Potter shared with us a “Learning Organization Vision” document that explains “This is a moment of opportunity for the City Colleges of Chicago to grow as a learning organization...[CCC] is acting with intention to create a continuous cycle of growth and improvement through inquiry, learning, action, and assessment that will enable CCC to emerge as the premier urban-serving community college district in the nation.” Faculty are more than happy to get back to conversations with district office about teaching and learning! I am very happy that Dr. Potter is undertaking this project while including FC4 participation from its very beginning.

There have been a few other noteworthy collaborative projects that FC4 has been working on this month. Our “Student Success Committee” made a presentation to Dr. Potter and his team about our intention “to broaden how CCC measures student ‘success’ beyond the current metrics of IPEDS, completion, and graduation.” We agreed that this committee’s recommendations will fit nicely with future strategic planning work where our district will be establishing new KPI’s that further reflect our mission. Also, Audrey Berns at District Office has made considerable efforts to ensure a smooth transition to our new Learning Management System by involving FC4 throughout the planning process. I am sure we will have more to say about this transition process at the next Board meeting. The Policy Committee will be meeting with Jonathan Keiser and his team on Monday to work on the next round of policy revisions for the March 2018 board meeting.

Last, but certainly not least: we’ve made great progress on Committee H. Committee H is our FC4 dream initiative for the City Colleges to intentionally address the sources of violence, crime and poverty in Chicago, and we were able to meet with Dr. Potter, Chancellor Salgado and a few of our interested community partners at the end of November. Our next steps include a January meeting with the directors of the educational programs at Cook County Jail. I look forward to reporting back on our progress during upcoming Board meetings.

I’d like to encourage everyone here to attend the Holiday Art Sale that will be happening at Harold Washington College on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-6. FC4 Vice President Jessica Bader has provided all of our Trustees with fliers for this event.

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

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