

FCCCC President's Address

CCC Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Good morning! Chairman Middleton, Chancellor Salgado, Board of Trustees: I am very happy to present this report to you today on behalf of Faculty Council.

Chancellor Salgado, I would first like to welcome you officially to the City Colleges of Chicago. We faculty are excited to begin this new chapter with you. We sincerely appreciate that you have already taken time to meet with Faculty Council on several occasions. As you know, our first official FC4 meeting with you lasted two and a half hours and included a 14-page PowerPoint with about 10 articles for your reading pleasure. We put hours and hours into planning that first meeting, and the simple reason behind all of this work is that we care so much about the City Colleges, and we want this transition to go smoothly for everyone.

We also want to take advantage of the opportunity that this transition affords us to seize upon all of the wonderful things that the City Colleges is, and to shape the future together. Importantly, we have a chance to create a culture of respect between faculty and administration throughout CCC. Your willingness to meet with us, and to listen, makes us feel hope that this is indeed possible. As we explained at the beginning of our first meeting, you have an immensely talented and highly credentialed faculty already here to help you with anything you want to know about or do with the City Colleges.

I am very proud to report that I was elected to a third term as Faculty Council President last month. We have a lot of work to do together during the next year and I will be reporting on our progress at our monthly Board meetings.

While Faculty Council has outlined a number of priorities for the upcoming year, enough to occupy a 14 page PowerPoint, I think that one goal sums up our hopes and dreams for the future: we hope in March of 2018 that FC4, Chancellor Salgado, and our Board of Trustees agrees that we should self-nominate to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) for their Shared Governance Award. The Ralph S. Brown Award for Shared Governance “is given to an American college or university administrator or trustee, or to a board of trustees as a group, in recognition of an outstanding contribution to shared governance...

Rather than award the Ralph Brown Award annually, the Association reserves the distinction for those occasions when some accomplishment in the area of shared governance is identified as so outstanding as to merit being singled out.” We hope that the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Salgado agree with Faculty Council that this is a meaningful and worthwhile goal that we can achieve together over the next year.

Finally, I would like to also thank Chairman Middleton and our Board of Trustees today for initiating and successfully completing the leadership search process that brings Chancellor Salgado here to us today. Board of Trustees, this search process taught us so much both about you and about shared governance. More than anything else, I learned that our Board of Trustees truly cares about the City Colleges of Chicago and has our best interests at heart. We know you are all volunteers and that the search committees took up a tremendous amount of time for all involved. Thank you for your service.

I would like to welcome our two new Trustees, Alexa Cruz and Deborah Telman. Thank you for joining our Board of Trustees and serving the students and the mission of the City Colleges of Chicago.

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