

FCCCC President's Address  
CCC Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday December 6th, 2018

Good morning Chairman Massey, Board of Trustees, Chancellor Salgado and Provost Potter. I am happy to be here today to speak on behalf of faculty council. FC4 has, as usual, been incredibly busy working on a number of initiatives in conjunction with Officers of the District.

First, there was a kickoff event for the Illinois Equity in Attainment Initiative at Malcolm X on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We have 7 teams of faculty and administrators representing our 7 colleges and we also have a district team that includes district officers as well as Jessica Bader and myself. CCC faculty are, as always, committed to do everything we can to support our students and will contribute thoughtfully to the work around this initiative.

Second, myself, Professor Jackson from Olive Harvey College, Dr. Potter and several other CCC administrators traveled down to East Peoria from November 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> to attend the Illinois Community College Faculty Association's conference. The conference brought community college faculty and administration together with members of the Illinois Community College Board around the theme "Pulling Together For Student Success in Turbulent Times". One great result of this conference is that the ICCFA has invited several of your faculty to attend the 2019 meetings in Springfield and possibly join the Executive Board. In our sincere desire to see good legislation and policy for all of our Illinois community college students, we will be traveling to Springfield and joining in the conversation at least 6 times in the upcoming year. Many thanks to our college Presidents and Dr. Potter's team for supporting this upcoming work.

Finally, I would like to re-iterate the concerns that our English faculty, placement coordinators and faculty council are having around the topic of placement.

As I stated last month, there are certain issues that are fall squarely into the purview of your faculty. This is a teaching and learning issue, and we need to listen to faculty when making decisions in this matter. "FC4 again urges our administration to reconsider the lowering of the English 101 eligibility standards for incoming students. Lowering placement standards is not in the best interest of access or equity." In closing, let me say this to our Trustees, District Officers and other administrators here today: respect and trust your faculty.

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

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