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FCCCC President's Address
CCC Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday February 1st, 2018

Chairman Massey, Board of Trustees, Chancellor Salgado, Provost Potter: good morning!

Faculty Council has had an incredibly busy and productive month since we last saw you. We had our retreat on January 12th, where 25 faculty members were joined for portions of the day by our Provost and Chancellor. It was a very packed agenda but you should know that we are pleased to continue to have open lines of communication between faculty and District Officers.

On January 26th four faculty members: Rosie Inwang from Olive Harvey, Jessica Bader from Harold Washington, Keith Sprewer from Truman and myself joined Dr. Potter and representatives from the Cook County Jail's Sheriff's office to discuss a possible partnership where CCC can begin to offer educational opportunities for the detainees. We learned that our Adult Education department is also exploring how to offer GED opportunities at the jail as well. This possible collaboration comes almost 9 months after FC4's "Committee H" was formed to explore opportunities for the City Colleges to intentionally address violence in Chicago through education and partnerships. Our next step in this project will be for several Committee H faculty members to visit the jail, tour the facilities, meet some of the detainees and hear from them about how we can be most helpful both while they are in the jail and once they are released. Chancellor Salgado has articulated the hope that CCC will be THE educational home for returning citizens, and FC4 agrees completely. Once we visit the jail, Committee H will meet to put together a proposal for enrichment courses to be offered at the jail. We are learning about other offerings currently happening at the jail by professors from 4-year schools such as DePaul University, Northwestern University and Chicago State University, in order to avoid redundancy and perhaps borrow from some best practices. While we are intentionally starting small, we hope to develop a larger program in the not-too-distant future. We want this initiative to be sustainable and successful.

District Office has been acting in our newfound spirit of shared governance and shared leadership by reaching out to FC4 to solicit faculty members to serve on committees that are

currently being formed at District. Some of these committees include the “D2L Steering Committee” which Audrey Berns is coordinating and will include faculty representatives from each college. This committee is part of an ongoing effort to smoothly transition from our use of the Blackboard platform to D2L. Our “Learning Agenda team” kicks off this Friday with three FC4 members and leadership from Eric Lugo, Dr. Potter, and Joanna Hoffman. Claudia Mercado is helping to organize Dr. Potter’s proposed “Impact Summit” and 2 faculty have joined that planning team. Finally, we will have 2 faculty members on the enrollment capacity-building team that began last summer with Presidents Garza from Daley College and President Potash from Wright College. I will report back on the progress of all of this committee work over the upcoming months.

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