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FCCCC President's Address  
CCC Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Chairman Massey, Board of Trustees, Chancellor Salgado, Provost Potter: good morning! Happy new year! Chairman Massey, welcome to the City Colleges of Chicago. As many of you know, Dr. Massey took time out of his busy schedule to meet with FC4 representatives from each of our 7 colleges just before the December break last month. I want to extend many thanks to Tracey Fleming for helping us to schedule that meeting, and on behalf of all the City Colleges faculty I want to sincerely thank you, Dr. Massey, for agreeing to meet with us. It was so interesting to learn about your background before coming to the City Colleges directly from you, and we also really appreciated the respectful nature of the meeting and your prompt follow-up concerning the issues that we raised. I've been bragging during the break about your unbelievably impressive life story. Among his many notable and impressive accomplishments, Dr. Massey is an educator, a scientist, a champion for the arts and a champion for public education. Dr. Massey, your work on racial and social equality is incredibly moving and particularly meaningful to all of us at the City Colleges who believe in the power and importance of education for all of our students and particularly our most vulnerable and marginalized citizens. To be completely honest with you Chairman Massey, I struggled to write this welcome to you as I feel like I could either go on all day, which nobody wants, or that my words would inadequately convey the scope and depth of your accomplishments. Please just know that we deeply appreciate your willingness to serve on our Board of Trustees, and that we really look forward to working with you.

This week FC4 will be having a retreat at Malcolm X College and I am very happy to report that both Chancellor Salgado and Dr. Potter will be joining us for a portion of the day. We are collaborating on the agenda and I must say again how meaningful it is for faculty to be working WITH District Officers on exciting upcoming initiatives with a spirit of mutual respect, shared governance and shared leadership. I'll report back next month on the outcomes of the retreat and some of the Committee work we will be doing in this upcoming semester.

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