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FCCCC President's Address
CCC Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday July 5th, 2018

Chairman Massey, Board of Trustees, Chancellor Salgado, Provost Potter: good morning! I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest Trustee Rebeca Huffman. Thank you both for agreeing to serve as volunteers for the stewardship of the City Colleges of Chicago. As Chancellor Salgado has said, we are the most important higher education institutions in the city. We are very proud of who we are and what we do to serve and enhance the citizens and communities of our city. Finally, and sadly, I know that Trustee Marisela Lawson will no longer be serving on our Board of Trustees. We faculty got to know Trustee Lawson quite well during the search for our Chancellor and Provost. She is a woman of integrity, an extremely hard worker, as well as kind, thoughtful and funny. Trustee Lawson: we will miss you. Thank you for all of your hard work for our students, programs and district.

Last week FC4 met with our Chancellor and Provost, as well as Christian Collins who is our AVC of Decision Support. They shared with us the PowerPoint that we all saw today about our anticipated completion rates from the past year, which indicates that our graduation rates have increased. Faculty believe that we should work towards a future where we broaden how CCC measures student "success" beyond current IPEDS, completion, and graduation metrics. We have a student success committee who gave a presentation to FC4 and Provost Potter last year. However, increasing graduation and completion rates is always good news and so I say congratulations to everyone on this news.

Finally, I know that we are passing a balanced budget today. I know that a lot of hard work goes in to putting together budgets at the colleges and for the district. I tried to read the budget, and I have tried my best in the past to read the past 10 years of budgets. I surely did try. Anyway: I am just putting this out there as a reminder that as Strategic Planning begins, don't forget to include faculty in the creation of our strategic plans! It would be great if we systematized the strategic planning process to routinely include faculty and students both at the colleges and at the district.

Okay, 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