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FCCCC President's Address  
CCC Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday April 4, 2019

Chairman Massey, Board of Trustees, Chancellor Salgado and Provost Potter: it is with a mix of emotions that I bring you my final report as faculty council president.

When I took this position four years ago, I was terrified to speak at the first several board meetings. While I cannot say that this job became any “easier” I think I ultimately grew into it enough to shoulder what felt like a huge responsibility without being completely overwhelmed. These four years have been incredibly eventful and oftentimes stressful. I tried my best to serve as a voice for all of our CCC faculty, students and community constituents. I have agonized over many board reports over the years; even editing, adding to and changing my report while the board meetings were actually occurring.

I want to thank all of the faculty who have served on FC4 and/or their local faculty councils, faculty who spoke during the public participation, faculty who helped to edit the board reports, and who have offered all sorts of support and assistance navigating through these past years. I especially want to thank Jessica Bader who has been such a fantastic Vice President. The faculty at the City Colleges of Chicago are truly the best colleagues I could ever have imagined. Your faculty are passionate about our mission and go above and beyond their specific job responsibilities every day. As I have said before, our Board and administration should trust and respect the faculty who are doing the most important work at our colleges.

While I look forward to returning to civilian life, there is a big part of me that will miss this job. I finally want to thank everyone on the Board, our Chancellor and Provost, and all of the administrators who have worked with us collaboratively and respectfully. I will miss seeing you every month. Thank you again to everyone. This has been my greatest honor.

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