

FCCCC President's Address

CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Good afternoon Chairman Massey, Chancellor Salgado, members of the Board, Officers of the District, faculty, staff and all others present.

My name is Adriana Tápanes-Inojosa, and I am the newly elected President of the Faculty Council of the City Colleges of Chicago for the 2019-2020 academic year. At the time of this Board meeting, I will be out of town attending my daughter's graduation from Cornell Law School, in my role as her proud mother. Due to that, I would like to apologize and introduce you instead to our new Vice President, Paul Croitoru, who will be delivering this report in my absence. As the newly elected officers of the Faculty Council of the City Colleges of Chicago, we feel honored to be standing here before you this afternoon.

First of all, I would like to acknowledge the dedication, tireless devotion and commitment of my predecessor, Jennifer Alexander. She served in this role for the last four years and was able to remodel the image of CCC Faculty Council during a difficult period of transition. I am excited to introduce myself in person at the next Board meeting and share a few words about my own history, as well as my fifteen years at CCC.

Our first month as new officers of the Faculty Council of the City Colleges of Chicago has been busy. There are new Faculty Council officers at four of the seven colleges at least; we are currently in the process gathering their names and build stronger channels of communication from the local faculty councils to CCC Faculty Council with the main goal of serving them more effectively. At the same time, we are building a list of all the current active committees under CCC Faculty Council, such as those involving curriculum, early college, enrollment, IRB, learning organization, online learning, policy, shared governance, tuition, and the HOPE committee, among others. We intend to revamp the CCC Faculty Council Newsletter and the Data committees, as well as create a Support Services standing committee to address the new challenges we will be facing with the new ICCB placement scores for English and Math together with our CCC administrators.

Finally, we would like to congratulate both Chancellor Salgado and Local 1708 for reaching a new contract agreement. Our clerical and staff members are key in supporting our mission at the colleges, and the CCC community recognizes their great work in serving our students and all of us working at each college on daily basis. This is the end of the spring semester at CCC and the beginning for new officers in our city. We look forward to working together for the benefit of our students, and to securing appropriate funding in order to accomplish that. We wish a wonderful summer to those that will be off until the fall semester, and a restful three-weeks interim to those colleagues working this summer session. We have plenty of goals to achieve, and your new CCC Faculty

Council officers are ready to assume this challenge. Thanks for listening, and let us keep working together to strengthen our shared governance at the City Colleges of Chicago.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Adriana Tápanes-Inojosa, on behalf of the Faculty Council of the City Colleges of Chicago