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Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

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Student Trustee Report

For the month of

January 2025

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Term 2024-25

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**City Colleges of Chicago
District Student Government Association**

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Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events district-wide: (reported)
Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Goals:

- Academic Year:
 - Enhance student engagement and awareness around academic and mental health resources.
 - Boost awareness of DSGA and the student trustee position.
 - Continue to encourage collaboration and engagement between City College campuses.
 - Continue monthly Trustee visits to each of the City College Campuses, fostering friendships, connections, and networking.
- Current / Next Semester:
 - To have City College SGAs host the DSGA meetings.
 - To Prepare DSGA for Advocacy Day.
- Completed:
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Highlights:

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Section III: Announcements

Good afternoon,

HAPPY NEW YEAR and Black History Month!

Given that the semester is still in its early stages, the rescheduled DSGA meeting this past Friday which focused on Advocacy Day, many of the SGA's are still finalizing event planning and coordinating E-Board meetings (if they have not done so already), the SGA monthly reports were not turned in for this board meeting.

DSGA Update: Advocacy Day has been moved to April 9th as confirmed by ICCB – SAC. The next DSGA meeting will be in person hosted by Kennedy King on Feb 21st.

ICCB – SAC Update: ICCB – SAC met on January 17th at Heartland Community College to discuss Advocacy Day, which is on April 9th. The chosen topics of advocacy include Mental Health state budgeting and resources, applied baccalaureate programs in limited fields of study focusing on fields with acute workforce needs and in underserved communities, and the state budget shortfall for the community college system. The next ICCB – SAC meeting will be held virtually on Feb 14th.

Esteemed board members, College Presidents, Officers of the District,

As we face significant changes on a national level—shifting policies, evolving administration, and the uncertainty that accompanies such transitions—our students are the ones who will bear the brunt of these challenges. It is in times like these that we must remain a steadfast pillar of support, offering not only educational opportunities but a sense of security and stability for our students. The work we do here goes beyond academics; it impacts lives, futures, and entire communities.

Our students, many of whom come from underrepresented backgrounds or face personal and financial challenges, are particularly vulnerable to the ripple effects of broader societal changes. The policies and decisions made at the national level can have real and tangible consequences on their access to education, their mental well-being, and their future prospects. We cannot allow external uncertainties to diminish the quality and accessibility of the education we provide.

That is why I call to reinforce our commitment to supporting our students—now more than ever. We must ensure that our programs and resources continue to meet their evolving needs. From financial aid support to mental health resources, to ensuring access to technology and tutoring services, we must stand ready to adapt and be a reliable foundation for every student that walks through our doors.

This is not just about weathering the storm. It's about leading with purpose, ensuring our students have a clear path forward, and reinforcing the values that make our institutions a lifeline for many. We have a unique opportunity to be the constant that our students can count on, regardless of the changes happening beyond these walls.

I urge each of you to consider the impact of every decision made within every meeting, even after my term, and to prioritize the needs of our students as we move forward. Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope, resilience, and opportunity in a world that is constantly shifting. Our collective effort today will shape the futures of those who trust in us to guide them through these challenging times.

As Martin Luther King Jr said, “The time is always right to do what is right.”

I look forward to working with you all this semester.

- Thank you