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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508

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Faculty Council Report
Thursday, July 9th, 2026

Pre-address Remarks: Thank you to Senior Assistant Board Liaison Emma Mims and Chief Advisor Bonnie Phillips for their continued high-level operations that ensure the board reports are accessible to the CCC community and the city of Chicago that we feel grateful to serve.

FC4 President's Address for CCC Board of Trustees Meeting:

Chairperson Nuques, Board of Trustees, Chancellor Salgado, Provost Potter, Student Trustee Damian Wright, officers of the district, faculty, staff, students, community members, and beyond, greetings.

Regarding the June 10, 2026 FC4 meeting, the following was discussed. Matters discussed ranged from advising program liaisons to policy and process questions, PACC and (mis)credentialing follow-ups, federal gainful employment rules related to Pell access, tensions with expanding the attendance-taking expectations, and, perhaps most direly, climate, violence, and retaliation patterns against femme-presenting faculty in academic affairs leadership roles.

With regards to the July 8, 2026 FC4 meeting, the following was discussed: where the conversation lives for discussing the CCC vision for addressing violence at CCC, security reporting processes as they relate to violence against many faculty in academic affairs leadership (i.e., primarily faculty council leadership), how to better ensure that disciplines are actually being effectively notified of online course shell development and review opportunities as well as other opportunities for growth regarding faculty as part of shared governance, how to insure newer and/or more junior administration are aware of the need to loop faculty in for shared governance, ESL 99 policy discussions, credentialing matters continued, and reaffirming that the monthly FC4 Committee Chair meetings (previously agreed upon spring 2026) need to be attended by all Committee A Chairs in accordance with the FC4 Constitution.

On another note, FC4 is deeply saddened to hear of Deputy Provost Dr. Stacia Edwards retirement from City Colleges of Chicago. Throughout her time at CCC, she has consistently upheld academic integrity and provided psychological safety for colleagues and students. That was seen in individual mentoring and non-hierarchical exchanges of relationality as well as district-wide events (e.g., leading mindfulness meditation during faculty development week).

Furthermore, Dr. Edwards not only held her colleagues in the most holistically supportive ways but also past, present, and future students given her sustainable legacy with the Centers for Excellence, CPS-CCC partnership (i.e., Chicago Roadmap), and stewarding of the City Colleges of Chicago partnership with Illinois quantum economies. Not to mention, she helped make the hidden C of CCC practical and fun to work towards district-wide: consistency. The FC4 space and beyond at CCC will deeply miss Dr. Edwards institutionally and communally. We sincerely hope that, should she choose to come out of retirement at any point, she will consider returning to CCC or find ways to work in partnership with CCC. We are better because of her, and we thank her for her phenomenal tenure at CCC.

For questions about a particular FC4 case, please reach out to FC4 President Viggy Alexandersson who can provide more details upon request within the parameters of FC4 disclosure and privacy permissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Viggy Alexandersson on behalf of the Faculty Council of City Colleges of Chicago