

Faculty Council Report
Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

Pre-address Remarks: Thank you to Chief Advisor Bonnie Phillips, Senior Assistant Board Liaison Emma Mims, and Assistant Board Liaison Avery Walls 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.

FC4 met on Thursday, August 13 for its annual Zoom retreat which serves as an FC4 orientation with introductions, relationship-building, shared governance logistics, and several agenda items—both new and carried over from the previous academic year.

Faculty council presidents per CCC college along with the FC4 president had a working lunch where their presidential responsibilities were discussed including ensuring reporting processes that affirm shared governance and help with shared governance compliance reporting.

In the hours with administration, a number of agenda items were discussed. Academic abuse as a Title IX category and a student orientation module was proposed to address interpersonal and communal sabotaging against a student's academic journey. Other institutions have adopted academic abuse awareness and prevention as a core part of their Title IX training, and FC4 is looking forward to the policy talks about this that may be incorporated into the March 2027 board reports.

While the three learning objectives of faculty development week (i.e., the week of August 10) centered on (1) experimenting with new ways of preparing lessons, interpreting information, or engaging students in an evolving academic landscape, (2) discovering and engaging emerging digital tools that can augment teaching and learning, and (3) fostering cross-disciplinary collaborations to facilitate teaching and learning, FC4 is also trying to balance that with A.I. safeguards of digital wellness that protect against conditions like A.I. psychosis.

The Executive Director of Information Security gave FC4 an update on the tenant systems at CCC. Improvements are in the works. For the sake of upholding security measures, that is the extent of what FC4 will share in this report.

FC4 emphasized a need to continue conversations about alumni and institutional transition support. That includes how to connect former students with holistic care that they were offered while a CCC student.

For students who are still at CCC, we also discussed the impact of the *United States v. State of Illinois* status and how it invalidated Illinois provisions related to the Illinois MAP grant, Dream Fund awards, and any other state scholarship or grant program aligned to the provisions in that case. FC4 requested more UndocuAlly trainings in order to better understand how to support undocumented students.

The final agenda item focused on five priorities that arose from an FC4 summer 2026 survey to FC4 representatives. The top priority was creating effective and enforceable anti-retaliation protections. Behind that was making reporting pathways more accessible and credible. Following that, the survey showed a desire for independent review and transparent corrective action. The fourth priority was to strengthen shared governance protections. The fifth

priority, not far behind the rest, was to use restorative processes thoughtfully and in ways that do not perpetuate systemic harm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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