

Dear Harold Washington College Community,

Welcome to the Spring 2021 semester! I hope this first week of classes went smoothly and that you are excited for the rest of the semester. This past year has presented many challenges for us, including transitioning to the remote environment and navigating new ways to teach and learn. However, we continue to make strides and adapt. The faculty, staff, and administrators at the College impress me every day. I want to thank you for trusting the process through such an unprecedented time. To our students, new and returning, thank you for trusting Harold Washington College with your educational goals. YOU are the "why" in everything we do.

In the spirit of new beginnings – new year, new President and Vice President of the United States, and a new semester, we have the opportunity to write a new chapter. I truly hope that this year brings you renewed hope and one step closer to your personal and professional goals. This year, the College is committed to important strategic efforts that we believe will make us stronger and better. These focus areas include enrollment growth, expanding dynamic student experiences, improving college operations, expanding academic program opportunities, and building a caring community. We have a lot of work ahead, but I am confident that together we will continue to make a difference and exceed critical milestones.

This semester, I will continue to send weekly updates every Friday. I will also continue to host office hours via  $\underline{\text{Zoom}}$  every Wednesday, from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM. I hope these opportunities and spaces reflect my commitment to transparency and collaboration. Please feel free to email or meet with me when you can.

I look forward to meet and learn more about you this semester.

## Here are the College Updates for this week:

- General HWC Announcements are updated weekly and can be found here.
- Enrollment Update: Our current Spring 21 enrollment headcount is **5,165**, as of 1/21. That is **71% to our target of 7,262**.

- Mini-Term Registration: There's still time to register for the 12 and 8-Week Terms! Check out the mini-term class schedule here (course offerings are updated daily).
  - o The 12-Week Term registration deadline is February 13; classes start February 16
  - o The 8-Week Term registration deadline is March 12; classes start March 15
- [Students] Schedule Revision Period: <u>Today</u> is the last day for students to revise (add or drop) their schedule without penalty. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.
- [Faculty and Staff] Remote Teaching Support Wednesdays 4-5 PM via Zoom (Password: 5p701t). Contact Alisa Allkins at <a href="mailto:aallkins@ccc.edu">aallkins@ccc.edu</a> for more information.

## **Personnel Updates:**

• The College will start the hiring process for a new Registrar and Assistant Registrar soon. Hiring Manager: Vice President and Dean, Shiang-Kwei Wang (swang56@ccc.edu).

Note: This is a post-only mailing. Replies to this message are not monitored.