



COLLEGE UPDATES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Harold Washington College Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful week.

These past few months have not been easy, but I am so proud of the College. We pushed through many changes and overcame many challenges, all while keeping students at the center of our work. I am happy to say that we even exceeded our credit hour production goal for the Summer Term!

As we enter a new fiscal year, I am filled with excitement. It is a new beginning for all of us, and I am looking forward to new opportunities and achievements this academic year.

I also wanted to share a few updates with you at this time:

President's Council Meetings

Every Wednesday, I meet with the college's leadership team to discuss essential programs and operational updates. Please know that these meetings are open to everyone and I welcome you to join the conversation. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amelia Tsang-Zavala (atsang1@ccc.edu) for details.

College Reopening Plan

In preparation for our safe return to campus, the College has been working on a reopening plan. The plan will be shared very shortly. I want to express my gratitude to the Reopening Plan Committee for their time and effort in developing a plan that serves the needs of our students while keeping everyone safe. As it stands, we will be offering the majority of our courses remotely. There will also be limited face-to-face courses available.

College Reorganization and Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Search

As of July 1, 2020, our Reorganization plan is now in place. Please refer to the [org. chart](#) to view the changes. The reorganization includes the following four distinct areas: Office of the President, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Finance and Operations. Academic and Student Affairs are now two separate areas with the expectation of continued and robust collaboration. We now have Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs (VPDAA) and Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs (VPDSA) roles at the College. I am confident these

changes will allow us to enhance support for our academic and student affairs programs and services, increase capacities, and streamline our student success and retention work.

Currently, Vice President Dr. Dalila Duarte leads both areas, but she will serve as our VPDSA when a VPDAA joins the team. This week, the college community was able to meet with potential VPDAA candidates. The goal is to conclude the search before the start of the fall semester. In the meantime, I have asked my Cabinet members to take on interim roles providing additional support for critical functions of the College. Please refer to your [Cabinet Leads](#) for any questions or assistance while we search for a new VPDAA.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to build a strong institution. I am both eager and hopeful as we move toward the bright future we all envision for Harold Washington College.

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President

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