



## COLLEGE UPDATES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Harold Washington College Community,

After a busy and productive week, I am delighted to share with you highlights of our progress on several key initiatives. We are making significant progress with our recruitment and hiring of key college positions. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee members for their participation and engagement in these searches. I also want to thank the leadership team for taking additional responsibilities to assist these areas.

I am also very pleased to share that we are moving forward with the creation of our Undocumented Student Resources. This initiative will be housed in the Dean of Students office lead by Associate Dean Patricia Cuevas. This project will focus on individual support for undocumented students, training for faculty and staff, programming, and strengthening partnerships with community-based organizations and immigration experts. We are currently seeking faculty, student and staff to serve as advocates and to join the planning group. If you are interested, please reach out to Associate Dean Cuevas.

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with many of you, including Faculty Council leadership, Admissions, and Testing staff. I also had the opportunity to meet with Bank of America to discuss the implementation of our TechQuity partnership and with National Louis University to discuss transfer pathways for our students. In addition, I participated in the monthly Illinois Council on Community College Presidents (ICCCP) meeting to discuss how to increase access for early childhood educators.

Finally, if you have not participated in our virtual community storytelling project to commemorate our remote work anniversary, there is still time. Here's the link: [A Year in Memories \(padlet.com\)](#). This Padlet will allow you to post on our Harold Washington virtual wall, and to read others' comments. We are excited to read your comments and learn about your experiences.

I am always open to talk about your ideas. Feel free to join me during my office hours via [Zoom](#) next Wednesday from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Enjoy the weekend.

**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 **6,065** as of 3/12/21. That is **83.5% to our target of 7,262**.
- **[Students]** Tetiana Seely currently serves as President of the Student Government Association (SGA) at Harold Washington College, and is pursuing an Associate in Arts with a focus in Business/Economics. During the summer of 2020, Tetiana was a participant in the Business Scholars/Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program where she worked as a Digital Marketing Intern with Cheer Tumbling Dynamics. In this role, Tetiana performed market research, created mail campaigns, developed website banners, and managed social media pages for the organization. Tetiana was recently offered an Account Coordinator position with Microsoft! She is also multilingual and highly skilled! We congratulate Tetiana on her new role and are so happy for all her accomplishments!
- **[Request for Proposals]** City Colleges is seeking proposals for its 2021 Continuous Improvement and Impact Summit – an opportunity for every member of the City Colleges community to share ideas and practices that benefit our students and the communities we serve. This year our theme is *Equity in Education: Overcoming the Divide*. Interested? Submit your proposal [here](#).
- **[Congratulations are in order!]** For Business, Computer Information Systems and Academic Affairs staff. Harold Washington College received approval from Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Software Development.

### Personnel Updates:

#### New Employees:

- **Kimberly Valenza, Director of Academic Support Services (Tutoring)**  
Kimberly holds a Master of Science in Education, with an emphasis in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and she is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Leadership from National Louis University.

Before joining HWC, Kimberly served as the Director of Academic Extension at Upper Iowa University. In this role, she provided oversight of academic advising, student services, enrollment management, accessibility services, student life, and more. Some of her accomplishments include creating student success programs and developing programming to support student success and retention. Kimberly's passion for supporting community college students is apparent. We are so excited to have her join the Harold Washington College team!

Open Positions:

- **Dean of Students** – Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Shiang-Kwei Wang ([swang56@ccc.edu](mailto:swang56@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.  
Committee members: Bernessa Tate, Brandon Hopkins, Trenda Bailey, Yev Lapik, Fernando Miranda-Mendoza, Jesu Estrada, and Tetiana Verkhovska.
- **Dean of Instruction** – Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Shiang-Kwei Wang ([swang56@ccc.edu](mailto:swang56@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.  
Committee members: Kent Lusk, Kim Bowens, Michael Heathfield, Maria Ortiz, Allan Wilson, Stephanie Burke, LaNisha Thomas, Amelia Tsang, Sylvia Washington, and Valerie Isaac.
- **Director of Institutional Research and Planning** – Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Shiang-Kwei Wang ([swang56@ccc.edu](mailto:swang56@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.  
Committee Members: Asif Wilson, Jackie Werner, Kim Bowens, Lina Eskew, Carrie Nepsted, Fernando Miranda-Mendoza, and Phil Vargas.
- **Executive Director for Center of Excellence in Business** – Search in progress.
- Hiring manager: Shiang-Kwei Wang ([swang56@ccc.edu](mailto:swang56@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.  
Committee members: Shiang-Kwei Wang, Kent Lusk, Kim Bowen, Tonja Simmons Girten, Rosa Garcia, Bridgette Mahan, Adam Callery, Sarah Lichtenstein, and LaNisha Thomas.
- **Assistant Dean for Center of Excellence in Business**– Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Shiang-Kwei Wang ([swang56@ccc.edu](mailto:swang56@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.  
Committee members: Shiang-Kwei Wang, Kent Lusk, Kim Bowen, Tonja Simmons-Girten, Rosa Garcia, Bridgette Mahan, Adam Callery, Sarah Lichtenstein, and LaNisha Thomas.
- **Registrar**– Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Shiang-Kwei Wang ([swang56@ccc.edu](mailto:swang56@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.  
Committee members: Patricia Cuevas, Laura Clark, Fernando Miranda-Mendoza, Trenda Bailey, and Carla Rubalcava.
- **Assistant Registrar**– Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Shiang-Kwei Wang ([swang56@ccc.edu](mailto:swang56@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.  
Committee members: Patricia Cuevas, Laura Clark, Fernando Miranda-Mendoza, Trenda Bailey, and Carla Rubalcava.
- **Director of Security**– Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Kent Lusk ([klusk1@ccc.edu](mailto:klusk1@ccc.edu)), Vice President for Finance and Operations.  
Committee members: Jessica Bader, Milton Owens, and Christopher Williams.

- **Director of Strategic Initiatives**– Search in progress.  
Hiring manager: Daniel Lopez ([dlopez1@ccc.edu](mailto:dlopez1@ccc.edu)), President.  
Committee members: Kent Lusk, Shiang-Kwei Wang, Aja Humphreys, Linh Williams, and Hannah Mills.

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