

City Colleges of Chicago & District 508

Revised Constitution for Faculty Council of City Colleges of Chicago (FCCCC)

The constitution for FCCCC was revised during the spring 2009 semester. Each faculty member (tenured and untenured) should know their rights in participating in shared governance within the City Colleges of Chicago.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Why should I review the FCCCC constitution?*
 - It is a major way in which faculty members participate in shared governance at CCC. It is through the faculty council and the curriculum committee (both local and district-wide) that you have a voice with administration in setting academic policy and standards, determining curriculum, and providing faculty leadership.
2. *Why should I care about the local faculty council or FCCCC?*
 - Faculty members elect local faculty council and FCCCC (district-wide) leadership. Lack of participation by your local faculty council in FCCCC severely weakens your ability to affect academic changes that **WILL** affect you and your college. All faculty members have a right to demand and expect leadership from their faculty council. **Untenured full-time faculty members CAN be members of FCCCC.** However, untenured faculty members cannot be officers of FCCCC and their participation on local faculty council should be determined by each college's faculty body and be documented within the local faculty council constitution.
3. *What are the major changes within the FCCCC constitution?*
 - The major changes in the FCCCC constitution include:
 - **FCCCC will have 28 full-time faculty members. Each college will have an equal number (four) of members on FCCCC.** These include three elected by the local college faculty body and one appointed by the local faculty council. In the past, there were only 24 members on FCCCC, where the three colleges with the highest number of full-time faculty would have the greatest representation on FCCCC.
 - **The local faculty council is responsible for holding general elections at each college no later than August 31.** In the past, elections had to be held at least five weeks prior to the end of the spring semester. Most colleges hold their elections in the spring but a couple hold elections in the fall. However, some colleges have not held annual elections consistently. *It is your right as a faculty member to insist that your local faculty council hold elections each academic year!*
 - **The President and Vice President of FCCCC will be elected at the last FCCCC meeting of the academic year; and these officers' terms will begin in September of the following academic year.** In the past, the President and Vice President of FCCCC began their terms immediately (by June). However, there was no time for transition of leadership. FCCCC executive officers still meet with administration during the summer months.
 - **The Chair of District Committee A is also an officer for FCCCC.** The Chair of District Committee A must sign off on all curricula/programs for the district before it is approved by FCCCC. Thus, this person is an integral part of the approval process and should be viewed as such.
 - **The FCCCC shall hold at least seven meetings per academic year.** In the past, the constitution only required FCCCC to hold at least one meeting per academic semester. FCCCC typically meets seven times during the academic year.
4. *What if my local faculty council is not meeting regularly or holding elections?*
 - Your local faculty council should hold regular meetings (typically monthly). These meetings should be publicized to all faculty members and should be generally open to all faculty members per the local faculty council constitution. If your local faculty council does not meet regularly or hold annual elections, immediately gather a petition of at least 25 faculty members to hold an election (first see your local faculty council constitution) and contact FCCCC with your petition. FCCCC will then work with local faculty members to have regular local faculty council meetings and elections. Request a copy of your college's local faculty council constitution. If there is none, one should be developed.
5. *How do I obtain a copy of the FCCCC constitution?*
 - You can find a copy of the FCCCC constitution on Blackboard. Follow the instructions below to log into the FCCCC site on Blackboard. Do not use your personal CCC account.
 1. Go to <http://ccc.blackboard.com/>
 2. Click the User Login Button
 3. DO NOT LOGIN with your personal account. Instead click the "Preview" button
 4. Under "Courses in which you are enrolled", click "Faculty Council City Colleges of Chicago".