

Dear Colleagues,

The academic year 2010-11 will see the business of the College Council taking place against a background of intensive planning for the future: from the President's Council articulating a vision for the College for 2016, to Schools embarking upon 3-year plans for curriculum development, to the ongoing initiatives of individual departments and support units. These plans share a common aim in seeking to keep the institution nimble in response to the rapidly changing landscape in Higher Education, while preserving and sustaining those elements that make us a unique learning environment for students, faculty, and staff alike.

The prospect of change is always challenging, but approached in a spirit of openness, transparency, mutual trust and efficiency, the Council's *modus operandi*, it can be a creative, liberating, and positive experience for all concerned. It is with this resolve that College Council will offer support, advice and recommendations to the various planning initiatives, and the ongoing work of the Institution, while at the same time developing our own plans to operate more efficiently and effectively in representing the Columbia College Chicago Community.

Warmest wishes,

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