



October 3, 2022

## Board of Trustees Newsletter

Dear Trustees,

Thank you all so much again for joining us at last week's Board of Trustees meeting, and at committee meetings across the month of September. I always appreciate the opportunity to join together as a leadership team to explore ways that we can continue to grow The Chicago School's impact for students and communities.

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### Recap of Our September Meeting

As we highlighted last week, there is much to celebrate at The Chicago School. For instance, as we kick off our Fall term, our trend of exceeding enrollment goals continues as we welcome or welcome back close to 6,200 students. Our ongoing enrollment success leads to continued financial success as we remain on pace to deliver our budgeted \$4.5 million surplus.

In addition, we have continued to approach our annual goals with dedication and intention.

- We have decided which **mental health licensure programs** appear to have the most growth potential, and we have made structural changes to these programs to drive enrollment growth.
- Following our decision to pause new student enrollment in most of our **nursing and health sciences** programs, we have formed a steering committee to define our long-term strategy in these disciplines.
- We are diligently working on how TCSP can best capture potential **student interest in Florida**, all while balancing enrollment benefits of on-campus learning with continued demand for virtual programming.

And as Dr. Bill Brown and Dr. Ted Scholz shared, we have made steady progress toward our five-year strategic goals as well. To future-proof our university for the needs of today and tomorrow's students, faculty, and staff, we are:

- **Centralizing our operations into a “One University” model** to break down operational silos and increase agility via increased centralization and national coordination.
- **Modernizing our branding efforts** by collaborating with an external agency on qualitative brand research.
- **Providing high-demand flexibility to students** through a student-centric advising model, centralization of our Student Support team, articulation agreements between our undergraduate and graduate programs, and investment in new competency-based education structures.

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### Trustee Transitions

In addition, I would like to once again thank Trustee Farmer for her years of service to our university and her dedication to our mission. I am excited to continue to partner with Trustee Farmer as she moves into her new role as a Life Trustee.

And in other exciting Board transitions, we welcome three new Trustees – Dina Torrisi Martin, Eloisa Perard, and Sian Seligman. I cannot wait to collaborate with these new Trustees and to see all the expertise and thoughtfulness that they bring to their new leadership roles.

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In closing, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming TCS Biennial Board of Trustees Conference in Los Angeles later this month and at our next Board of Trustees meeting in January 2023.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Michele

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President

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## Upcoming Meetings

*TCS Biennial Board of Trustees Conference (Los Angeles)*

October 20-21, 2022

*Academic Affairs Committee*

October 26, 2022; 11am-12pm PT

*Special Committee on Strategic Growth*

Tuesday, December 6, 2022; 11am-1pm PT

*Advancement Committee*

Thursday, January 5, 2023; 10-11am PT

*Governance Committee*

Tuesday, January 10, 2023; 10-11am PT

*Audit Committee*

Wednesday, January 18, 2023; 10-10:30am PT

*Finance Committee*

Wednesday, January 18, 2023; 10:30-11am PT

*Executive Committee*

Monday, January 23, 2023; 10-11am PT

*Board of Trustees*

Friday, January 27, 2023; 10am-12pm PT



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