

Center for Chicago Programs Workstream

October 2024 Report

The Center for Chicago Programs (CCP) Workstream set its next meeting for Thursday, October 31st. In the meantime, sub-groups have been tasked with meeting separately according to their assigned deliverable.

- Director of the Center for Chicago Programs, Jennie Larsen, and CCP Workstream Champions, Jackie Slaats and Tara Natarajan, met with President Baren, Chairs of the Implementation Task Force, and select members of the Senior Leadership team on Monday, October 7th.
 - President Baren shared her vision for the Center for Chicago Programs and will provide a written statement to distribute to CCP Workstream members to serve as an overarching guide to our work.
 - President Baren agreed that social engagement with the city is of equal importance to academic and professional engagement.
 - ITF Co-Chair Mike Cohen spoke to the In The Loop and ACTIVATE programs and how they are closely interlinked with Admissions; specifically, but not limited to, recruitment and program size.
 - There is continued and increased enthusiasm from alumni and donors regarding our Chicago programs.
- Director of the Center for Chicago Programs, Jennie Larsen, and Associate Dean, Matt Kelley, met with Krebs Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tara Natarajan, on Monday, October 14th to begin modeling the College's vision for the Center for Chicago Programs, including potential constraints and how those constraints may inform funding and other related logistics and resources.
 - As CCP Workstream Champion, Tara is an asset regarding the CCP Workstream's strategic approach.
 - Tara, Matt, and Jennie will convene for a CCP Workstream retreat on Friday, November 8th.
 - Learning objectives are paramount, with a focus on Chicago "touchpoints" during a student's first, second, third, and fourth year at the College.