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NEW Leadership Director Professor Rebecca Hendrick describes the program.
Transcript

“National Education for Women’s Leadership is a four-day, intensive program for undergraduate women to come to in and interact with faculty in residence, that consist of the women state legislatures, COWL, Council for Women Legislators, as well as other faculty members at University of Illinois-Chicago, and possibly other career women in the public and non-profit sectors.

“It’s a very intensive program, women essentially spend 24 hours a day, minus sleeping time, with the faculty in residence working on a particular policy issue that they will present in a mock hearing debate format at the end of the four days. The mock hearing is sort of the culmination of the process. There will be a panel on debate, on presenting yourself in a debate format, ethics, careers in public service, women will learn about a lot of these things.

“And then of course there’s the fun side of it. There’s a tour of state government offices, the women will get to meet some very important people, women especially, in state government and state policy positions. And then there’s dinners and there’s lunches and then of course in the evening, the women will be spending time in the dormitories with the faculty in residence, that will include myself, as well as members of the Council for Women Legislators, and hopefully some other people.”