

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
County of Cook and State of Illinois****SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR NEW CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES (SENCER)  
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE****THE CHANCELLOR**

**REPORTS** A team of faculty members from Harold Washington College recently went to a summer institute sponsored by SENCER (Science Education of New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) through the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). The team members were Laura Chambers, Mike Davis, Cheryl Dias, Dennis Lehman, Dalivan Melendrez, and Hector Reyes, representing the social, physical, and biological sciences, and

that the result of the institute is a model for the creation of truly integrated, team taught classes. Team members Mike Davis, Laura Chambers and Cheryl Dias will seek funding from a recent Request for Personnel from the Department of Education for development costs, and

that the Harold Washington College team proposes to renovate an existing class with respect to the model established in other SENCER courses. The class, Current Topics in Physical Science, will be changed to an interdisciplinary tentatively titled thematic Science in a Global Era course. The course will be taught by multiple faculty members from the biological/physical science and social science disciplines, and will be cross-listed in the schedule to allow for improved access, and for students to concomitantly fulfill a physical science or social science graduation requirement, and

that goal one is to empower students to make an informed assessment about the political and social aspects of technical information from a variety of sources, and goal two that students will gain an understanding for the fundamental concepts, processes, and instruments used in the social scientific evaluation of an event. The classes will stress civic engagement and application of the course material and will make use of resources in and around the city, such as museums, public institutions, and zoos.

Respectfully submitted,

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