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ADOPTED - BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
DECEMBER 2, 2008

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
County of Cook and State of Illinois

Higher Learning Commission  
AQIP Strategy Forum Participation  
Wright College

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that Wright College is continuing its accreditation efforts with the Academic Quality Improvement Program AQIP (Board Report 28466), its work in the Foundations of Excellence Program (Board Report 28769) and wishes to participate in the upcoming AQIP Strategy Forum hosted by the HLC (February 4-6, 2009) in Lisle, Illinois; and

that AQIP is a unique accreditation path offered by the HLC which requires expenditures over time, as opposed to the traditional self study in the PEAQ model that demands one lump-sum payment in relationship to the accreditation expenditures; and

that the participation in the AQIP Strategy Forum is one of the accreditation activities required of all AQIP institutions; and

that it is necessary to pay for the participation in the Strategy Forum. The fee will cover the conference registration costs and training for eight (8) administrators and faculty members. In the Strategy Forum, Wright College will arrive at three AQIP Action Projects designed to improve the quality of instruction and delivery of support services. One of those Action Projects will address student learning in specific. The fee for participation in the Strategy Forum is \$5,200; and

that the District will have expended more than \$10,000 to the HLC in Fiscal year 2009; and

that since the HLC is the sole source provider of this service, this professional service is exempt from the District's competitive bidding procedures; and

that an estimate cost of \$5,727.52 for attendees air fare and lodging will be incurred; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced AQIP Strategy Forum Participation and since participation in the AQIP Strategy Forum is mandatory and since there are no certified MBE or WBE vendors who can provide the required participation, therefore, it is recommended that a waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be granted.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees authorize payment of participation fees to the HLC for Wright College to participate in the AQIP Strategy Forum in an amount not to exceed \$5,200.

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Respectfully submitted:

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