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June 5, 2008 – District 508 Board Meeting  
District-Wide Faculty Council Report  
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Presented by Julius Nadas,  
Secretary of the Faculty Council of Chicago City Colleges

Good morning, Chairman Tyree, Chancellor Watson, members of the Board, Officers of the District and all others present.

With the support of the Chancellor, faculty council will convene a few meetings over the summer to discuss the Chancellor's request for a foreign language requirement for the Associates of Arts (AA) degree. At these meetings, we will review the concerns of faculty and administration, examine any relevant research, and craft a recommended foreign language policy. This recommended policy will be presented at the annual faculty council retreat on August 15, and will subsequently be presented at each campus during the fall 2008 semester. We want to have the new foreign language requirement fully vetted for a fall 2009 implementation. At the same time and per the Chancellor's request, along with the foreign language requirement, we will also consider an elective in music or art.

It is important to establish linkages among all stakeholders within the academic community, particularly when change is on the horizon. With this said and with the agreement of Vice Chancellor Angela Starks, faculty council will also make sure that a representative from the district Student Government Association (SGA) be a participant in the discussions concerning the foreign language requirement. Making sure that student leadership is involved in appropriate academic initiatives such as the foreign language requirement will help foster student buy-in and support. The district SGA leadership has also been invited to attend the annual faculty council retreat. Of course, all Board of Trustees and Officers of the District are invited to attend the annual retreat as well.

Hopefully, by the next meeting in July, faculty council will have a preliminary report on the progress toward the new foreign language requirement for the AA degree.