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June 3, 2010- District 508 Board Meeting  
District Wide Faculty Council Report  
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Good Morning Board of Trustees, Chairman Gery Chico, Chancellor Cheryl Hyman, Officers of the District, and guests.

Faculty Council of Chicago City Colleges and the Officers of the District are working together to establish a more unified approach District Wide to support the education of Chicago City College students. This collaboration has resulted in the following:

**Graduation Rate**

The University of Illinois at Chicago and Chicago City Colleges have agreed upon a new course of action designed to support students from all seven Chicago City College campuses, who are interested in pursuing a four year degree. Each of the seven City Colleges will be asked to select thirty students with a 3.0 grade point average to participate. Qualified students are **guaranteed** admission to the University of Illinois of Arts and the College of Business. A total of 210 Chicago City College students will have the opportunity to be placed in cohorts that should begin in the summer of 2011.

**Advising**

Chicago City Colleges and Chicago State University have scheduled a meeting with the Faculty and Administration to discuss Adult Literacy in Reading and to develop a 9 graduate credit hour Certificate Program for teaching strategies for reading. The proposed Certificate Program will use the FLINT Program as a model.

**Foreign Language**

There is a need to centralize data and to develop more detail regarding this initiative. Points of clarification will be given to students, advisors and faculty about the new Associate of Arts requirements. The Foreign Language requirement will affect students enrolled as of the Fall 2009 semester. Vice Chancellor Simon Vissers office will be involved in the follow-up of this effort.



**E-Write**

To establish a more unified placement process across the Chicago City College district all colleges will use E-Write as a consistent vehicle for placement of students in English courses.

**The Chicago City College Catalog**

The creation of one Chicago City College catalog is underway. The new Chicago City College catalog will not only be cost effective, the registration process at Chicago City Colleges will be more transparent for students throughout the district, listing all courses each of the seven Chicago City College campuses have in common. This change will impact District Faculty Council and Committee A.

**Course approval process for Committee A**

Beginning Fall 2010 Committee A of the District Faculty Council will approve courses for all seven Chicago City College campuses.

**Online Advising Component**

Guidance for Test Score Interpretation will be developed and clear cut pre-requisites for courses will be developed .

**OIT**

Teacher entry of grades at midterm and final discussions are ongoing.

**Annual Retreat**

Faculty Council and Officers of the District are planning the Annual retreat to take place August 20, 2010

During the summer, while faculty are on break, faculty council will continue to meet to support the faculty students and administration of the Chicago City College district on the academic needs of this great district.