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Academic Affairs Minutes

May 2011

Thank you Trustees and Chancellor. Good morning.

May was a busy time for the Department of Academic Affairs. A great deal of time was spent streamlining activities, preparing for the coming fiscal year, and focusing on the activities that assure academic integrity.

Towards that end, I am pleased to report on the following initiatives that have begun in May:

- In an effort to strengthen our ties with the Chicago Public Schools, we have taken a fresh look at our dual credit and dual enrollment programs. Under the guidance of the Occupational Programs team we are updating our articulation agreements which will give CPS students a greater advantage when they enroll as full-time CCC students.
- CCC is a co-PI on a grant with the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University. Through this grant, 11 faculty from CCC participating in the first of many workshops that will develop a STEM specific critical thinking assessment that will be disseminated throughout the colleges.
- Learn and Earn was launched in May, will start in late June. It will serve 700 students aged 13-15 from the Chicago Housing Authority, who will attend six of the seven colleges. In the mornings they will work on non-credit academic programs. In the afternoons they will work on career programs and other social activities.
- The CCC nursing program received applications from 529 eligible students who were applying for 426 spots in the program. Our total enrollment for the coming year is expected to be 488. In the pipeline for our LPN, RN, and CCC Nursing Program we have 1211 students. These students will be entering the working force within the next two years.