

Academic Affairs Committee Report

September 2011 Board Meeting

The following Board items were presented for approval at the last Board Meeting:

- An agreement with Advanced Imaging Specialists, Inc. to provide a curriculum and instruction to Radiography students at Wilbur Wright College.
- An agreement with Nova Driving School to provide chauffeur driver training services to students at Harold Washington College.
- A professional services agreement with Gail Reinitz to provide training to the child development lab centers District-wide.
- An amendment to Board Report 30446 to purchase additional cosmetology supplies for Cosmetology students at Truman College.

The following are key accomplishments in Academic Affairs:

- The Provost has developed a blog for both faculty and students. Blog topics thus far have included: hiring and credentialing and policies and procedures. Participation on the faculty blog continues to increase.
- The District Academic Affairs team met to review and revise the current faculty credentialing guidelines. Once completed, the guidelines will be shared with the college vice presidents and Faculty Council.
- The Academic Affairs team continues to work closely with the Reinvention teams to communicate the Reinvention concepts to Faculty Council.
- The Academic and Student Affairs teams continue to work closely with the Reinvention team to develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- The Academic and Student Affairs teams have developed an immediate intervention strategy to improve retention of students. A major part of this strategy involves identifying “gatekeeper” courses and teaming academics with advisors to visit those classes to encourage students to persist.
- The Provost met with the library chairs to determine new and innovative ways of improving the library system at each college.