RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS

FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM
FIRE SERVICE OPERATIONS AAS
FIRE SCIENCE MANAGEMENT AAS
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
MALCOLM X COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE);

WHEREAS, an application for approval of two interrelated College to Careers programs comprising an Associate in Applied Science in Fire Science Management and an Associate in Applied Science in Fire Service Operations at Malcolm X College, has been received and has been appropriately reviewed for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Science Program is designed to bring the technical science of fire protection and safety from academies of specific fire departments to a college environment through two distinct Associate in Applied Science degrees. The organization of larger municipal fire departments historically incorporated initial and on-going education as part of their internal responsibility and function. Over the past few decades, there has been a trend to move the industry’s educational responsibilities to community college. The Fire Science program shall comprise an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Service Management, as well as an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Operations. The degrees each provide a stackable sequence that is inclusive of Emergency Medical Technician certificates. A review of labor market data for both degrees suggests sufficient annual openings to warrant the program offerings. Employment opportunities include first-line supervisors of Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers, Firefighters, Fire Inspectors, and Occupational Health and Safety Technicians;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of these programs for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education.

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