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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAM
PARALEGAL STUDIES
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCES (AAS) DEGREE
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE
OFFICE OF STRATEGY AND ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE);

WHEREAS, an application for approval for a Business and Professional Services College to Careers program comprising an Associate in Applied Science in Paralegal Studies at Harold Washington College, has been received and has been appropriately reviewed by members of the PACC for submission; and

WHEREAS, Paralegal Services affords multiple career paths and employment opportunities, which include occupations such as Paralegals, Legal Assistants, Paralegal Title Curators, and Attorney Research Real Estate Paralegals, among others. The skills gap in this field is widening as the economy grows, and the demand for paralegals and legal assistants in Cook County is projected at 262 annual job openings with 14% projected growth for the occupation between 2015-2024. This AAS degree in Paralegal Studies is designed to prepare students with the necessary skills to become highly trained paralegals to meet the needs of corporations, law firms and offices, and other sectors where law-related work is performed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, (pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02), hereby approves the submission of this program for approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education.

May 5, 2016 – Office of Strategy and Academic Governance