WHEREAS, Harry S Truman College 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 permanent approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate in English as a Second Language Program has been received and under review for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Basic Certificate in English as a Second Language Program at Harry S Truman College’s goal will continue to be to deliver exceptional educational opportunities to a culturally and ethnically diverse population of students at City Colleges of Chicago while striving to enhance students’ knowledge and application of skill, improve service learning, and promote life-long learning by providing a broad range of quality, affordable courses, programs, and services to prepare students with credentials of economic value;

WHEREAS, employment for basic and secondary education and literacy instructors, and all other teachers and instructors, in the State of Illinois continues to indicate the projected demand for these occupations will exceed the supply. The estimated job growth is a steady 4.1% for the next five years within Cook County. Annual district openings for adult basic and secondary education and literacy instructors is well over 1300, and is at least 8000 for all other teachers and instructors.

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