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

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate in Architectural Digital Media has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Basic Certificate in Architectural Digital Media Program at Harold Washington College’s goal will be to prepare a diverse population of students with the necessary knowledge and skills to secure employment as a draftsman or detailer within an architecture, engineering or design firm, or with a contractor, fabricator, material supplier, or construction company, which demand expertise in digital technologies for the translation and communication of designs into drawings; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows stable demand for CAD Designers/Drafters, with 293 annual openings for job titles including Detailer, Cad Designer, Solidworks Designer, Cad Drafter, Cad Technician in Cook County for 2019, with projected growth of 6% over the next 10 years, as well as median wages of $28.41/hr and a median salary of $44,121.

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 this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College board, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

June 4, 2020– Office of Academic and Student Affairs