

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEVRY UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE ACADEMY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the establishment of the DeVry University Advantage Academy ("DUAA") located at 3300 N. Campbell Avenue as a selective enrollment high school.

DESCRIPTION:

History

Since July 2004, DUAA has operated as a program of Lane Technical High School. This program allows students to simultaneously receive a high school diploma and an Associate in Applied Sciences degree. DeVry University Advantage Academy began with 125 junior high school students. Under an agreement with DeVry, authorized by Board Report # 04-0526-PR53, DeVry provides instructors for all university-level courses and CPS provides teaching staff for the CPS-level courses and administrative support to operate the program. Further, under this arrangement, this program operates from the DeVry campus under a license agreement authorized by the Board by Board Report, #04-0623-OP4. All students attend classes exclusively on the DeVry University campus.

At this time, it has been deemed in the best interest of the students to convert DUAA from a program to a separate school with its own unit number, teaching and administrative staff serving grades 11 and 12. Currently, a second cohort of 112 junior high school students is entering the program. DUAA will add an additional junior cohort each year thereafter, for an approximate enrollment of 250 students.

Curriculum

DUAA is an innovative small school model within the system that offers a dual credit program that allows students to complete all regular high school graduation requirements and the advanced college coursework to meet the requirements for an Associate in Applied Sciences degree. The school operates a year-round schedule with students taking both college and high school courses during the regular school year and only college courses during the summer. CPS teachers will work a standard contract year. DUAA graduates who enter college will do so as junior transfer students rather than entering as freshman. Students who enter the workforce will do so with an Associate in Applied Sciences degree and nationally-recognized credentials in Network Systems Administration.

The DeVry University setting promotes intellectual and personal growth as students meet the higher expectations found in the rigorous curriculum of the Associate in Applied Sciences degree program. Students are motivated and self-confident as they join university activities and work on team projects.

Facilities and Campus

The DeVry University Advantage Academy is located on the DeVry University campus, 3300 N. Campbell, Chicago, IL in the north wing of the facility on the 2nd and 3rd floors and leases approximately 10 general classrooms, 1 administrative space, 1 lunch / general purpose room. The DeVry University Advantage Academy has access to DeVry's science and computer labs, media center, library, and 1 large all purpose room. DUAA students enjoy free access to the campus grounds, recreation areas, cafeteria and vending facilities. All University services, including tutoring, mentoring, membership in professional student organizations, career employment assistance, and college transition services are also available to DUAA students.

Enrollment

DUAA enrollment is open citywide to all CPS students with a 2.5 GPA and 90% attendance who successfully complete the required 9th and 10th grade prerequisites. In addition, all applicants are required to attend a mandatory information session, complete an application packet (including a teacher recommendation) and pass the DeVry University entrance examination. A lottery will be held if there are more candidates than slots available. The DeVry University Advantage Academy will serve approximately 250 students.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: DeVry tuition and fees have been previously approved by the Board under 04-0526-PR53. Costs related to the licensed use of the DeVry facilities have been previously approved by the Board under 04-0623-OP4. All other costs associated with DUAA (teachers, administrators, miscellaneous) have been previously approved by the Board as part of the FY'06 budget process. All these costs have been allocated in the 2005/06 CPS budget. DeVry supports this program through tuition and fee discounts as well as other student benefits.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The DeVry University Advantage Academy will be staffed in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

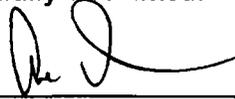
GOVERNANCE: A school governing body will be established pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Respectfully Submitted:

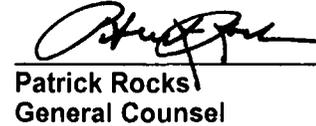


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