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<u>14-108</u> <u>AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN INTER-</u>

COLLEGIATE SOCCER PROGRAM AT PORTLAND

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: Research shows that an active, vibrant student life

program leads to increased student retention and

academic success leading to completion.

Portland is already known as "Soccer City USA" and is recognized as a world center for numerous businesses devoted to athletes and athletic endeavors such as Nike

and Adidas.

The College wishes to establish programs for men's and women's soccer at the inter-collegiate level, and to have

each program compete in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) and subject to their and where applicable NCAA rules.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve the creation of men's

and women's soccer programs, within the NWAACC, at

Portland Community College.