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Governing Board Approves Contract for Dr. Jeffrey Michels as the next 4CD Associate Vice Chancellor, Chief Human Resources Officer



MARTINEZ, CA – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board approved the appointment and contract for Dr. Jeffrey Michels to become the District’s next Associate Vice Chancellor, Chief Human Resources Officer. The term of the agreement is February 21, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Dr. Michels has been a teacher, manager, and educational leader for more than 30 years, with over 15 years’ experience in human resources and employee relations as President and then Executive Director of United Faculty. He has been recognized by the California State Legislature for “fostering...a collaborative partnership between managers and staff” and “working with local legislators on issues related to community colleges.”

“I am excited and honored for the opportunity to serve 4CD in this Human Resources leadership role,” said Dr. Michels. “I have always been a proud advocate of 4CD and believe it is one of the top community college districts in the state. I look forward to the new opportunities in leading the important work of the department, building on our District reputation, and supporting our colleges and District Office in recruiting and retaining diverse, equity-minded classified professionals, faculty and administrators who will contribute to the success of our students.”

Dr. Michels’ experience in the classroom, expertise with interest-based bargaining, proficiency with a variety of personnel matters, and interpersonal skills leading local and statewide organizations, have prepared him for this challenging opportunity. “Human Resources is a vital department in breaking down barriers for our students, and I look forward to working with Dr. Michels on creating and implementing systems that will eliminate obstacles to ensure the success of our students, especially our most marginalized students,” said Executive Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, Micaela Ochoa.

“In all my experiences with Dr. Michels, I would highlight his ability to collaborate, communicate, and build consensus as necessary strengths to be successful in this leadership role,” said interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh. “I encourage my 4CD colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Michels and supporting him in this new role. His success is our success.”

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The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The 4CD serves a population of 1,019,640 people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. 4CD is home to Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, as well as educational centers in Brentwood and San Ramon. The District headquarters is located in downtown Martinez. For more information visit www.4cd.edu.

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