

Association Proposal #1

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ARTICLE 20 – EVALUATIONS

20.1 Introductions

The evaluation process is designed to promote professionalism, enhance performance and be closely linked with staff development efforts. The evaluation process should be effective in yielding a genuinely useful and substantive assessment of performance. Among other things, this requires an articulation of clear, relevant criteria on which evaluations will be based.

The principal purposes of the evaluation process are to recognize and acknowledge good performance, to enhance satisfactory performance, to help employees who are performing satisfactorily further their own growth, to identify weak performance, to assist employees in achieving needed improvement and to document unsatisfactory performance.

Participants in the evaluation process must be sensitive to the diversity of California and the community served by the District.

A faculty member's students, administrators, and peers should all contribute to his or her evaluation, but the faculty should play a central role in the evaluation process and, together with appropriate administrators, assume principal responsibility for the effectiveness of the process.

This Administrative Procedure supersedes any previous policies, procedures, and/or other documents related to faculty evaluation.

20.2 Definitions

Regular Faculty: A tenured faculty member.

Contract Faculty: A probationary (non-tenured) faculty member who will serve a four (4) year probationary period, commencing with the Fall term of the first academic year in which the Contract Faculty Member serves at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the days considered a full-time assignment. A first year contract faculty member serves under a one-year contract; a second year contract faculty member serves under a second one-year contract and; a third year contract faculty member serves under a two-year contract completing the third and fourth years of the probationary period.

Preparation: A preparation is defined as a course with a distinct name, course number, and delivery method (e.g.: online education, learning communities).

20.3 Evaluation Criteria: Regular and Contract Faculty

The following 11 criteria are intended to delineate common areas of performance to be evaluated during both regular and contract faculty member evaluations. The criteria are not all inclusive, and are not intended to eliminate from consideration alternate standards of performance common to the profession.

These criteria will be most helpful if they are used as a basis for diagnosis and dialogue rather than as a basis for a judgment. The behavioral descriptions under each criterion are only examples. Evaluation teams that believe other behaviors are necessary for a particular area are encouraged to establish these with the evaluatee at the beginning of the process.

Faculty whose primary assignment is not in the classroom, should work with their evaluation teams in adapting these criteria to their professional responsibilities.

1. Skill in Establishing Rapport/Trust

Effective faculty members create an environment of tolerance and trust in which students can gain the most information for their academic, career or life decisions.

- Responds appropriately to student requests/concerns.
- Demonstrates respect for students (active listening, respecting confidentiality).
- Is consistently available to meet with students during office hours or alternate times.
- Is aware of need to make referrals when advising is beyond scope of instructor.

2. Classroom Management Skills

Effective faculty members are able to guide class exercises and discussions using a combination of techniques while maintaining control of the class.

- Maintains control of the class.
- Maintains the lesson plan and instructional objectives while in class (controls distractions).
- Is available and willing to assist students when they work independently.
- Stimulates discussion through questions and/or small group activities.

3. Application of Learning Theory

Effective faculty members are aware of, and apply, learning theory in the design and delivery of course content. They may use a variety of teaching methods and classroom aids to maximize student learning.

- Creates a coherent framework that effectively guides the student through the content of the course.
- Illustrates key learning points.
- Employs teaching methods appropriate to individual differences.

4. Evaluation Skills

Effective faculty members provide students with opportunities both in and out of class to measure their progress.

- Provides a variety of opportunities to measure student progress.
- Is sensitive to students' self-esteem when evaluating their progress.
- Clarifies learning goals and establishes specific criteria for final grades, which are distributed to students at the beginning of the course as part of the Faculty Member's course syllabus.
- Clarifies the students' responsibilities for learning.

5. Skill in Managing Time

Effective faculty members use time efficiently. This may mean adjusting the lesson quickly, promptly resolving student disruptions or distractions, or using an involving technique when student interest wanes. Effective faculty organize activities and time prior to arrival.

- Uses the full time allowed for class.
- Manages activities to make the best use of time for student learning.
- Paces content and maintains student interest.

6. Skill in Creating the Learning Environment

Effective faculty members establish and maintain the correct psychological and physical learning environment from the outset of the course.

- Specifies course expectations during first class session as identified in the course syllabus and reinforces expectations throughout the semester.
- Sets and maintains high standards.
- Provides sufficient and appropriate learning resources.
- Is aware of need for appropriate physical environment

7. Adaptability and Flexibility

Effective faculty members are sensitive to the importance of the learning environment. They adapt to changes with a minimum of impact on their effectiveness. They are flexible enough to incorporate alternative teaching methods as needed.

- Can teach effectively in various settings.
- Uses current developments and student situations as learning opportunities.
- Maintains composure when confronted with unexpected circumstances.
- Clarifies concepts to facilitate student understanding.

8. Subject Area Knowledge and Continued Professional Growth

Effective faculty members stay current in their discipline through reading, continuing formal education, seminars, professional organizations, etc. They realize the need to update their knowledge base.

- Answers students' questions related to planned content.

- Is willing to bring additional information to next class.
- Is aware of current developments in subject area.
- Reads pertinent professional publications.

9. Course Conceptualization and Integration

Effective faculty members have a conceptual understanding of the positioning of their class inside the general curriculum and are able to integrate their course content to maximize student learning.

- Displays understanding of how course content fits into overall curriculum.
- Maintains awareness of courses preceding and following current course.
- Initiates curriculum changes to integrate course more effectively.
- Maintains standards consistent with equivalent courses.

10. Presentation Skills

Effective faculty members are competent presenters. They have acquired the basics of public speaking, which allow them to maximize the delivery of content. They present material in an interesting, informative manner.

- Avoids jargon or technical terms that students do not understand.
- Uses appropriate delivery skills (eye contact, gesture, body motion).
- Uses appropriate verbal skills (volume, tone, inflection).

11. Respect for Colleagues and the Teaching Profession

Effective faculty members are involved in department affairs. This involvement gives faculty a broader perspective on curriculum design and allows them to develop collegial relationships.

- Attends staff development activities and department meetings as appropriate.
- Assists in curriculum/program development, program review, and evaluation.
- Uses department resources wisely.
- Responds on time to administrative requirements (attendance, grades, ordering supplies).
- Serves on department and college-wide committees.
- Takes a role in long-range planning.
- Acts in accordance with ethics of the profession.

20.4 Evaluation Process: Contract Faculty (Years 1, 2, and 3/4)

Contract faculty shall be evaluated at least once during each year of probationary status. In the case of a contract faculty member hired initially in a spring semester, the annual evaluation process will commence in the succeeding fall semester.

Contract faculty evaluation is an extension of the hiring process during which contract faculty are integrated into the life of the college prior to becoming permanent faculty members of the college community. The decision to grant tenure is as important as the initial employment decision.

a) Contract Faculty Evaluation Committee

The evaluation committee for a contract faculty member shall consist of two (2) tenured faculty members and the Faculty Member's dean, or the dean's designee. The two (2) faculty members shall preferably be selected from the Contract Faculty Member's subject area, or if that is not possible, from a closely related discipline. The Contract Faculty Member shall select one member of his/her evaluation committee, and the dean, or the dean's designee, shall select the second member of the Evaluation Committee. The evaluation committee selected during the Contract Faculty Member's first contract shall, to the extent it is possible, serve as the Evaluation Committee for each evaluation during the Contract Faculty Member's probationary status. The dean, or the dean's designee, shall serve as chair of the Evaluation Committee. The committee chair shall be responsible for maintaining the evaluation file. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the file shall be returned to Office of Human Resources.

b) Components of the Evaluation

The evaluation of contract faculty shall include: 1) professional growth/self-evaluation report; 2) student evaluation; 3) classroom or other appropriate observation; 4) committee member review; 5) an instructor portfolio consisting of course syllabi, examples of tests and class handouts for each preparation; and, 6) any other components mutually agreed to by the Faculty Member and his/her evaluation committee.

c) Evaluation Timelines

The following timelines are directive in nature and not mandatory, except to the extent that a contract faculty member's evaluation must be completed by no later than the end of the fall semester of each contract year.

1. Mid-September: Evaluation Committee Formation

The dean of each department or area, in consultation with the Office of Human Resources shall ensure that an evaluation committee is formed for each first contract faculty member and still in place for second and third contract faculty members.

2. October 1: Initial Evaluation Conference

The Evaluation Committee shall meet with the Contract Faculty Member to review the timelines and procedure for the evaluation. The evaluation criteria and the forms used will be reviewed. The Contract Faculty Member shall provide the Evaluation Committee with his/her instructor portfolio. By the conclusion of this meeting a schedule for classroom observations, the date for student evaluations, and the due date for the Contract Faculty Member to submit his/her Professional Growth/Self-Evaluation Report shall be agreed upon and set.

3. November: Classroom Observations

The evaluation committee shall conduct at least three (3) classroom observations. The classroom observations should be of distinct preparations unless the Contract Faculty Member has an assignment consisting of fewer than three (3) preparations. In such case, observations of at least three (3) different classes should be conducted. If a contract faculty member is assigned a lab or clinical time, at least one (1) observation will include lab or clinical time. For non-classroom faculty, the observations may include counseling appointments or other visitation of the Contract Faculty Member during assigned time. The classroom observations shall be conducted during the time-period established during the initial evaluation conference. Observations will be for a minimum of 40 minutes each. At the conclusion of an observation, the Evaluation Committee member is to complete the Faculty Observation Report Form.

4. Mid-November: Student Evaluations

By the end of the first week in November, the Office of Human Resources will provide each dean with student evaluation packets for each contract faculty member to be evaluated. By mid-November, the dean will distribute the student evaluations consistent with departmental practice. The Contract Faculty Member being evaluated may not be present in the classroom while students are completing their evaluation. The student evaluations will be provided to the Contract Faculty Member at the end of the semester.

5. Early December: Evaluation Committee Meeting

The evaluation committee shall meet to review that all required forms have been completed, and that the Contract Faculty Member has provided the Evaluation Committee with his/her Professional Growth/Self-Evaluation Report. The evaluation committee, upon review of the entire evaluation file, shall prepare a final evaluation report utilizing the Contract Faculty Evaluation Summary Form.

In the event that the Evaluation Committee cannot reach a consensus as to the overall rating of the Contract Faculty Member, at least two (2) members of the Evaluation Committee must agree on the rating. Any member of the Evaluation Committee may submit a written report dissenting from the Contract Faculty Evaluation Summary prepared by the majority of the Evaluation Committee.

As part of the Contract Faculty Evaluation Summary, the Evaluation Committee shall:

- For a contract faculty member working under his/her first one-year contract or second one-year contract recommend to either: 1) not enter into a contract for the following academic year; 2) enter into a contract (one/two year) for the following academic year; or, 3) employ the Contract Faculty Member as a permanent employee for all subsequent academic years.
- For a contract faculty member completing the second year of his/her third contract (final year of probationary status) recommend either: 1) not employ

the Contract Faculty Member as a permanent faculty member; or, 2) employ the Contract Faculty Member as a permanent (tenured) faculty member for all subsequent academic years.

6. Mid-December: Final Evaluation Conference

At the final evaluation conference, the Evaluation Committee shall review its evaluation and recommendations with the Contract Faculty Member. A copy of all evaluation reports will be provided to the Contract Faculty Member.

In the event that the Evaluation Committee recommends that the Contract Faculty Member's contract not be renewed or that the Contract Faculty Member not be employed as a permanent faculty member, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Superintendent/President who shall determine whether to forward the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for final action.

In the event that the Evaluation Committee's recommendation is not unanimous, the Superintendent/President shall, along with his/her recommendation, forward to the Board of Trustees any dissenting report prepared by an evaluation committee member and a copy of the contract faculty's evaluation packet. The Board of Trustees shall make the final decision with respect to the forwarded recommendation(s).

A recommendation from the Evaluation Committee to enter into a new contract for the ensuing year or in the case of the final year of contract faculty member's third contract that the contract employee be employed as a permanent faculty member for all subsequent academic years, shall be forwarded to the Superintendent/President. The Superintendent/President shall forward the Evaluation Committee's recommendation and his/her recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall make the final decision with respect to the forwarded recommendation.

In the event of a recommendation not to enter into a contract for the following year or not to employ the Contract Faculty Member as a permanent member of the faculty, the effected contract faculty member may file a grievance in accordance with Education Code Section 87610.1

If a contract faculty member is evaluated as "Needs Improvement" with a recommendation to employ the Contract Faculty Member for the following academic year, the Evaluation Committee and the Contract Faculty Member shall develop a written improvement plan. The plan must have identifiable objectives and include the timelines within which each objective is to be achieved. At the conclusion of the timelines included in the plan for improvement, the Contract Faculty Member shall submit to the Evaluation Committee a written report outlining the steps taken by the Contract Faculty Member in compliance with the plan for improvement. The improvement plan, will be included as part of the Contract Faculty Evaluation Summary Form and will be part of the evaluation components for the Contract Faculty Member's next evaluation.

The chair will ensure that the evaluation file is sent to the Office of Human Resources.

20.5 Evaluation Process: Regular Faculty

Regular faculty members shall be evaluated every third year unless there is a recommendation for further evaluation based on an “Unsatisfactory” evaluation.

a) Evaluation Committee

The composition of a regular faculty member’s evaluation committee will be determined by the Regular Faculty Member, but should meet the following criteria:

1. There should be a maximum of two (2) faculty members and at least one (1) academic administrator on a team. The academic administrator shall be the faculty member’s division dean. **At least one faculty member shall be selected from the Contract Faculty Member’s subject area or from a closely related discipline.** The faculty may include an additional academic administrator, faculty from another college, or faculty from another discipline. At the request of the Unit Member to be evaluated, the appropriate vice president may appoint a different academic administrator to serve as a member of the evaluation committee.
2. All faculty members of a team shall be tenured.

b) Components of the Evaluation

The evaluation of regular faculty shall include: 1) professional growth/self-evaluation form; 2) student evaluation; 3) classroom or other appropriate observation; 4) committee member review; 5) an instructor portfolio consisting of course syllabi, examples of tests, and class handouts for each preparation; and, 6) any other components mutually agreed to by the Faculty Member and his/her evaluation committee.

c) Evaluation Timelines

1. End of September

The Office of Human Resources will provide each dean with a list of regular faculty members to be evaluated in the Spring semester.

2. End of Fall Semester

All regular faculty members to be evaluated in the Spring will complete the formation of his/her evaluation committee.

3. March 1: Initial Evaluation Conference

The evaluation committee shall meet with the regular faculty member to review the timelines and procedure for the evaluation. The Evaluation Criteria and the forms used will be reviewed. The regular faculty member shall provide the Evaluation Committee with his/her instructor portfolio. By the conclusion of this meeting a schedule for classroom observations, the date for student

evaluations, and the due date for the regular faculty member to submit his/her Professional Growth/Self-Evaluation Report shall be agreed upon and set.

4. April: Classroom Observations

The evaluation committee shall conduct at least three (3) classroom observations. The classroom observations should be of distinct preparations unless the regular faculty member has an assignment consisting of fewer than three (3) preparations. In such case, at least three (3) observations of different classes should be conducted. If a regular faculty member is assigned a lab or clinical time, at least one (1) observation will include lab or clinical time. For non-classroom faculty, the observations may include counseling appointments or other visitation of the regular faculty member during assigned time. The classroom observations shall be conducted during the time period established during the evaluation conference. Observations will be for a minimum of forty (40) minutes each. At the conclusion of an observation, the Evaluation Committee member is to complete the Faculty Observation Report Form.

5. Early April: Student Evaluations

By the end of the first week in April, the Office of Human Resources will provide each dean with student evaluation packets for each regular faculty member to be evaluated. By mid-April, the dean will distribute the student evaluations consistent with departmental practice. The regular faculty member being evaluated may not be present in the classroom while students are completing their evaluation. The student evaluations will be provided to the regular faculty member at the end of the semester.

6. May 1: Evaluation Committee Meeting

The evaluation committee shall meet to review that all required forms have been completed and that the regular faculty member has provided the Evaluation Committee with his/her Professional Growth/Self-Evaluation Report. The evaluation committee, in review of the entire evaluation file shall prepare a final evaluation report utilizing the Regular Faculty Evaluation Summary Form.

In the event that the Evaluation Committee cannot reach a consensus as to the overall rating of the regular faculty member, at least two (2) members of the Evaluation Committee must agree on the rating. Any member of the Evaluation Committee may submit a written report dissenting from the Regular Faculty Evaluation Summary prepared by the majority of the Evaluation Committee.

7. Mid-May: Final Evaluation Conference

At the final evaluation conference, the Evaluation Committee shall review its evaluation and recommendations with the regular faculty member. A copy of all evaluation reports will be provided to the regular faculty member.

If a regular faculty member is evaluated as "Needs Improvement" the Faculty Member shall prepare a plan for improvement and submit it to the Evaluation Committee. The evaluation committee shall review the plan and either approve

the plan as submitted or request the regular faculty member to modify the plan consistent with its direction. The plan must have identifiable objectives and include the timelines within which each objective is to be achieved. At the conclusion of the timelines included in the plan for improvement, the Faculty Member shall submit to the Evaluation Committee a written report outlining the steps taken by the Faculty Member in compliance with the plan for improvement. The plan for improvement will be attached to the evaluation summary and will be used as part of the next regular evaluation of the Faculty Member.

If a regular faculty member is evaluated as “Unsatisfactory”, the Faculty Member shall prepare a plan for improvement and submit it to the Evaluation Committee. The evaluation committee shall review the plan and either approve the plan as submitted or request the Faculty Member to modify the plan consistent with its direction. The plan must have identifiable objectives and include the timelines within which each objective is to be achieved. At the conclusion of the timelines included in the plan for improvement, the regular faculty member shall submit to the Evaluation Committee a written report outlining the steps taken by the Faculty Member in compliance with the plan for improvement. The plan for improvement shall be attached to the evaluation summary. The regular faculty member shall be evaluated the following spring semester consistent with the guidelines for the evaluation of a faculty member and shall also include under “Components of Evaluation” the plan for improvement.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the chair will ensure that the evaluation file is sent to the Office of Human Resources.

In the event there is a disagreement between a regular employee and the District concerning the evaluation process, the disagreement(s) may be addressed as a grievance under the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the current bargaining agreement between the District and the Association.

20.6 Special Provisions for Faculty Teaching Online Education

In addition to the evaluation process set forth above, in the event that a contract or regular faculty member teaches online education courses, the following provisions will apply:

- a) At least one (1) on-line class will be observed. The observation team will consist of one (1) evaluation committee member and **a certified POCR (Peer Online Course Review) faculty member or** the Online Education Faculty Coordinator. **The evaluation committee member will provide subject matter and pedagogical/andragogical expertise. The POCR reviewer/online education faculty coordinator will evaluate for regulatory compliance.** The **POCR reviewer/**online education faculty coordinator, unless a member of the Evaluation Committee, will have only an advisory role. The observation will include review of the online content, the navigability of the course site and student evaluation for the particular class.

- b) **Faculty will receive the self-evaluation form for their online course at the first evaluation committee meeting. They will provide the form to the appropriate committee member prior to the meeting to review their online site. They will receive written notice of the day and time that the evaluation will take place. The evaluation committee member and the POCR reviewer/OE Coordinator will have access to the course provided for the duration of the review. The faculty member will receive written notice when the review of their site is complete. The POCR reviewer/OE Coordinator will complete an evaluation form¹ to accompany the teaching evaluation and that will be submitted to the Dean of Distance Education.**
- c) Student evaluations will be completed on a form specifically designed for online education courses.
- d) The online class may be used as one of the preparations for the required observations.

20.7 Evaluation Forms

The following forms are included as part of this Administrative Procedure:

- Contract Faculty Evaluation Forms
- Regular Faculty Evaluation Forms

These evaluation forms are the only versions approved for use, and shall not be changed without mutual agreement between the District and the Association.

- Form 1 – Faculty Observation – Instruction (Appendix H)
- Form 2 – Faculty Observation – Counselors (Appendix I)
- Form 3 – Faculty Observation – Librarian (Appendix J)
- Form 4 – Faculty Observation – College Nurse (Appendix K)
- Form 5 – Regular Faculty (Tenured) Evaluation Summary (Appendix L)
- Form 6 – Contract Faculty (Non-Tenured) Evaluation Summary (Appendix M)
- Form 7 – Professional Growth and Self-Evaluation Report (Appendix N)
- Form 8 – Classroom Instruction Evaluation (Appendix O)
- Form 9 – Student Evaluation of Counselor (Appendix P)
- Form 10 – Student Evaluation of College Nurse (Appendix Q)
- Form 11 – Student Evaluation of Librarian (Appendix R)
- Form 12 – Online/Hybrid Instruction Evaluation (Appendix S)

Student Evaluation of Instructor
