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ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES, NON-MANAGEMENT HIRING OF FULL-TIME FACULTY

The San Bernardino Community College District seeks a qualified and diverse administration, faculty, and staff dedicated to student success. The District is committed to an open and inclusive hiring process that supports the goals of equal opportunity and diversity, providing equal consideration and opportunities for all qualified candidates. The goal of every hiring process is to select the qualified candidate who best meets the needs of our students. The hiring process for full-time faculty also focuses on candidates who will develop and maintain inclusive curriculum and environments that represent the ethnic and socioeconomic demographic of the college's student population.

The faculty, staff, and administration recognize the importance of an effective hiring process that reflects mutual professional responsibility and interest in achieving the common goal of hiring outstanding faculty that will enhance the learning experience for all students and fulfill the mission and goals of the College and the District.

Hiring faculty, classified staff, and administrators is accomplished through selection committees, which produce a recommendation of a final candidate from the President, or other appropriate administrator, to the Chancellor to recommend to the Board for employment.

HIRING QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Qualifications

The San Bernardino Community College District has established the following hiring qualifications for all faculty positions:

1. For faculty and administrative positions, job requirements shall include (A) a sensitivity to and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ethnic backgrounds of community college students as demonstrated by skills and abilities in cultural responsiveness and cultural humility; and (B) a demonstrated commitment to recognizing patterns of inequity in student outcomes, taking personal and institutional responsibility for the success of students, engaging in critical assessment of own practices, and applying a race-conscious awareness of the social and historical context of exclusionary practices in American Higher Education.
2. The **Minimum Qualifications** for discipline expertise adopted by the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges or possession of a valid and appropriate California Community College Credential as provided in Education Code 87355.
3. All applicants will be provided the opportunity to have qualifications for discipline expertise **reviewed and considered for meeting minimum qualifications** that meet or exceed those listed adopted by the Board of Governors through alternate means.

Application Procedure

1. The Human Resources Office will determine which applicants meet minimum education and expertise qualifications as set forth in the job announcement based on information provided on the official application for employment and verified by copies of transcripts provided by the applicant. Applicants not having minimum qualifications but requesting consideration of equivalent qualifications will be separated from those determined to meet minimum qualifications. If there is any discrepancy between the established minimum qualifications and the qualifications presented by an applicant as meeting minimum qualifications, that applicant's file will be grouped with the applications requesting consideration of equivalent qualifications. Applicant groups for equivalency review will have their qualifications evaluated by the Equivalency Committee, in accordance with the Equivalency Policy and Procedures. Human Resources will also evaluate the diversity of the pool of applicants to determine if further outreach is required before proceeding.
2. The files of all applicants who meet minimum qualifications or who have had equivalent qualifications determined by the Equivalency Committee will be reviewed by the selection committee. The selection committee will not review the file of any applicant who does not meet minimum qualifications or who has not been determined as possessing equivalent qualifications by the Equivalency Committee. Human Resources will forward candidates to the Equivalency Committee for final confirmation of meeting MQs when appropriate. A list of candidates who did not meet MQs will be provided to the hiring manager and/or selection committee by request. Should the selection committee have any concern about the pool or process, the selection committee chair may confer with the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or designee regarding these concerns.
3. For disciplines for which the master's degree is not generally expected or available (as

designated in *Minimum Qualifications for Faculty & Administrators in California Community Colleges*, adopted by the Board of Governors), a "year of professional experience" shall be considered the period of time which the District accepts as a regular work year on a full-time basis. One year of professional experience must have been completed within the three years prior to the closing date for applications for the position. The minimum qualifications listed on the job announcement should identify the specific types of professional experience required for the position.

4. For disciplines for which the master's degree is not generally expected or available (as designated in *Minimum Qualifications for Faculty & Administrators in California Community Colleges*, adopted by the Board of Governors), the appropriate, valid certification or license to practice shall be stipulated based on the instructional responsibilities of the position. If no certificate or license is appropriate to the position, no certificate or license will be listed as a minimum qualification.

Desirable Qualifications

1. Job announcements may include a set of "desirable qualifications," separate from the minimum qualifications. These desirable qualifications should be approved by discipline faculty and describe characteristics that support the responsibilities of the position.
2. The combination of the minimum qualifications and the job-related desirable qualifications will be used as the basis for decision-making throughout the selection, interview, and recommendation of applicants.

Establishing Minimum and Desirable Qualifications

1. The minimum and desirable qualifications will be reviewed and edited by discipline faculty in consultation with the Division/Department Dean or other appropriate administrator. When no full-time faculty member is employed in the discipline, at least two full-time faculty in a reasonably related discipline will write the desirable qualifications in consultation with the Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator. The academic senate may elect to recommend additional qualifications related to the ability to serve our diverse students well in any faculty position.
2. The Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee will monitor the minimum and desirable qualifications for adverse impact on groups that have been historically under-represented. If the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee believes the qualifications appear to be too restrictive, they will meet with the discipline faculty and the Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator to review the qualifications. If discriminatory intent or effect is identified, the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee shall confer with the appropriate Vice President and the Academic Senate President to determine necessary remedies.

PROCEDURES

The goal of every hiring process is to select the qualified candidate who best meets the needs of our diverse student population.

Establishing the Position

Any request to fill new or vacant positions must be processed through the appropriate Manager and the Human Resources Office, and must receive approval by the Chancellor before any position announcement is made.

1. Faculty positions are identified by a process established by each College and Fiscal Services.
2. Chancellor approves faculty positions from those requested by the Colleges.
3. Human Resources receives the Staffing Requisition approved by the Chancellor and begins the search process.

Position Announcement

1. The Announcement of a Position will be drafted by the faculty of the discipline and the Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator who established the minimum and desirable qualifications for the position (See "Establishing Minimum and Desirable Qualifications") in consultation with the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or designee and the appropriate Vice President. The final job announcement as seen by applicants will not be posted until reviewed and approved by all parties.

Job announcements shall clearly state job specifications setting forth the minimum and desired qualifications for the position. Job announcements including any "desired" qualifications beyond the minimums shall be reviewed by Human Resources before the position is announced to ensure conformity with the guidelines of the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges, the requirements of Title 5 and State and Federal non-discrimination laws.

2. Position announcements will include the following sections:
 - a. Position Title
 - b. Application Deadline or Initial Review Date
 - c. Introduction: A brief description of the position and the relationship of the position to college offerings and activities. This includes a brief description of the college and the community served.
 - d. Minimum Qualifications: A statement including the established minimum qualifications, the appropriate valid credential(s), and the provision for equivalencies.
 - e. Desirable Qualifications: Those job-related qualifications that are desirable but not essential to perform the job.
 - f. Duties of the Position in accordance with the CBA: A list of typical duties including the following:
 - A brief description of the primary responsibilities (e.g. Faculty will teach to the outline of record for the specific assignment and maintain a current syllabus). Faculty will facilitate learning through a variety of modalities to maximize the success of our diverse student population,
 - A description of any co-curricular responsibilities (e.g. coaching,

directing).

- Reference to scheduling considerations (e.g. assignment to evening duties).
 - Leadership responsibilities related to the academic and/or co-curricular assignment (e.g. advisory committee, standing committees, curriculum development).
 - A description of institutional service responsibilities (e.g. five hours of institutional service, five office hours).
 - A commitment to ongoing professional development that includes cultural responsiveness, inclusiveness, and equity, as well as disciplinary relevance.
 - A description of any other duties unique to the position.
- g. Salary and Benefits: A statement of the salary range and a brief narrative description of fringe benefits in effect at the time of the announcement.
- h. Closing Date, Address for Submission of Application Materials, and Deadline for Equivalency requests.
- i. Application Process: Instructions regarding the completion of the application process and a statement that incomplete applications will not be considered by the selection committee. In addition, instructions will also include the need for the candidate to address how the desired qualifications have been met by the candidate in the cover letter or in the supplemental questions. The application process will include the following:
- An official district application form including a separate form for requests for equivalency along with a brief narrative description of the equivalency criteria appropriate to the minimum qualifications for the position. Applicants will be instructed to provide a narrative description of their equivalent experience along with transcripts and other documentation to support their request for equivalency.
 - A Letter of Application (A cover letter indicating explicitly how each of the minimum and desired qualifications are met.)
 - Official or unofficial transcripts for all college course work, including those generated from the Internet, to establish an applicant's file (An official transcript will be required before any offer of employment for the applied-for position).
 - A curriculum vitae or resume.
 - When appropriate, verification of credentials (community college instructor credential, vocational credential, and/or license).
 - When appropriate, verification of "professional experience" as articulated in the minimum and desirable qualifications.
 - When appropriate, additional support materials may be requested. Such materials may include letters of recommendation, work samples (e.g.

videos, portfolios, written materials) and other materials directly related to the criteria established in the minimum and desirable qualifications.

j. Selection Process: A brief description of the selection process including:

- The review by a selection committee to select candidates for interviews
- An interview of candidates by the selection committee that may be comprised of faculty, administration, academic senate representatives, associated student government representatives, and other appropriate district personnel. Candidates are advised that all interview questions will be evaluated through the lens of both minimum qualifications and the desired qualifications.
- A list of sample 1st level interview questions and an explanation of the panels function and limited ability to naturally interact with the candidate.
- An interview of finalists by the President and Academic Senate President (and additional interviewers if selected by the President) or designee
- A list of sample 2nd level interview questions and an explanation of the interactions available at the 2nd level.
- Final recommendation to the Board of Trustees by the Chancellor of the District
- A description of any other selection activities that are anticipated at the time of the announcement (e.g. a sample teaching demonstration, guest lecture, role playing, sample assignments, a questionnaire or impromptu writing sample)

k. Notice to All Candidates:

- The requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1987
- Initial assignment information
- A reasonable accommodation notice will be included in each job announcement.

l. Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity including reference to “encouraging applications from underrepresented groups.”

3. The Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee will review the draft of the job announcement for the potential for adverse impact pursuant to provisions in #2 of “Establishing Minimum and Desirable Qualifications.”
4. The final draft of the job announcement will be reviewed by the discipline faculty and the Division Dean or appropriate administrator, and then returned to the Office of Human Resources. The discipline faculty and Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator will make the final decision on the desired qualifications prior to submitting the DQs to Human Resources.
5. Upon the approval of the final draft of the announcement, the Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator for the position will set a tentative timetable for the hiring process (e.g. Selection committee orientation/training, application review) in consultation with the

discipline faculty, the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee and the appropriate Vice President.

Applications

Human Resources accepts applications and supplemental materials until 11:59 pm on the closing date.

Human Resources will review the composition of the applicant pool to ensure that any failure to obtain projected representation for any monitored group is not due to discriminatory recruitment procedures. If necessary to establish an adequate and representative pool, the application closing date shall be extended and additional recruitment shall be conducted. (A "monitored group" means those groups identified by state and federal regulations for which monitoring and reporting are required. According to the provisions of Title 5 53004 (B), each applicant shall be afforded the opportunity to identify his or her gender, ethnic group identification, and if applicable, his or her disability.) After the pool is approved, all complete applications will be forwarded to the selection committee for consideration.

Recruitment and Advertising

Faculty positions are advertised for a minimum of thirty (30) days. Extensions to the deadline will be discussed with the discipline faculty and hiring dean both before the posting and during the posting.

An email notification of the posting will be sent to the discipline faculty, Dean and/or appropriate administrator.

Any ads placed in publications will contain the statement "An Equal Opportunity Employer."

New faculty will be recruited by means of wide dissemination of job announcements, with special efforts to contact referral sources for underrepresented minorities, persons with disabilities, and women. These efforts will be reviewed with the discipline faculty and hiring dean for input on increasing the hiring pool. This dissemination will be the responsibility of the Office of Human Resources in accordance with the EEO Plan.

A complete record will be maintained of all efforts to disseminate information and the response regarding the job opportunity. The record to be kept by the Office of Human Resources includes: (1) recruitment sources, (2) number of applicants for a specific position, and (3) gender, race, and disability status of applicants.

Notification of position openings will be mailed by Human Resources to colleges, universities, and organizations committed to providing equal employment opportunities to a wide range of applicants. In addition, positions are advertised locally and in professional journals and related publications when appropriate, and the State Chancellor's Office Job Registry and on the internet as recommended by the appropriate Division/ Department Dean or a Vice President.

SCREENING COMMITTEE

Membership

Screening committees for faculty positions will be established and convened by the Division/Department Dean or other appropriate administrator or their designee.

- The Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator for the position may formulate a preliminary list of candidates to serve as screening committee members.
- The President of the Academic Senate, after consultation with faculty in the discipline of the position and with the appropriate Division Dean, will appoint at least 3 faculty to serve on the selection committee.
- An Equal Opportunity Representative from the District HR-DEIA Committee shall be appointed to the Committee by the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee. The Equal Opportunity Representative is a non-voting member.
- The Committee should also include representation from those employees or employee groups who are served by or otherwise interact with the position. If a classified employee is selected to serve on the committee, the President of CSEA will provide the names of individuals nominated to serve as the representative from the unit. The hiring supervisor will select appropriate committee member(s) from those nominees.
- The Screening Committee should normally have no fewer than five (5) and no more than nine (9) members.
- A majority of the membership of the selection committee shall be faculty.
- Every screening committee will include the Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator or their designee
- The chair of the Committee will be chosen by a majority vote of the committee.
- When possible, every effort will be made, within the limits allowed by federal and state law, to ensure screening committees include a diverse membership, which will bring a variety of perspectives to the assessment of application qualifications. Selection/screening committees will be encouraged to include members from monitored groups and may include members from other colleges to include members from monitored groups.
- Human Resources will provide clerical/technical support and coordination.
- If unusual circumstances prevent the formation of a screening committee as described herein, the Division/Department Dean or appropriate administrator for the position will consult with the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee to determine a reasonable representation. However, the final composition of the screening committee shall remain confidential.
- The Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services or their designee will approve all screening committee members to ensure diversity.

Second-Level Interview Procedures

Second level interviews will be conducted on all finalist by the College President or their designee with additional interviewers of their choice, and the Academic Senate President or their designee acting in an advisory capacity. In the case of District Office, second level interviews will be conducted by the appropriate administrator. Second -level interviews will also include an EEO Representative.

Training

All faculty, staff, and administrators involved in hiring faculty must receive training on diversity and the employment process for each Committee on which they serve. Such training will be provided by the Office of Human Resources at the first meeting of the Committee to ensure that each Committee

member receives the required training that includes:

- Discussion of District commitment to equal opportunity, diversity, and student success
- The search and selection process
- Role of the selection committee
- Development of selection criteria
- Writing effective interview questions
- Development of selection criteria including DQ's as part of the job posting process
- Role of the Equal Opportunity Representative
- Confidentiality
- Effective reference checks (administrators only)

Approval Signatures

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