



MOU Between the
MiraCosta Community College District &
MiraCosta Community College District – Faculty Assembly
21-09

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by and between the MiraCosta Community College District (hereinafter referred to as "District") and the MiraCosta College Faculty Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "Assembly") (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”), and is expressly made pursuant to the Educational Employment Relations Act and the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”). The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on fulltime faculty wages, hours, and working conditions.

This MOU between the Parties is not intended to change the terms of the current CBA but is instead a one-time, non-precedent setting agreement that may not be used as the basis of a past practice by either party.

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COVID-19 Vaccination

1. The Board of Trustees has mandated that all faculty members who work on site must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless an exception is granted for a medical or religious reason. Faculty members who have a medical or religious reason must notify the District to provide documentation supporting their status.
2. Faculty members must provide proof of vaccination. This information will not be kept in the regular personnel file.

Safety Protocols

3. Upon request, the District will provide N-95 respirators to unvaccinated faculty members with a medical or religious exemption from vaccination. Face coverings (not respirators) will be provided to all faculty members and students regardless of vaccination status, upon request.
4. The District will make hand sanitizer and cleansing wipes available in all classrooms and offices.
5. To the extent practicable, the District will provide work spaces that have MERV-13 or higher ventilation systems. In areas where it is not practicable to have a MERV-13 or

higher ventilation system, the District will provide Portable Air Cleaners (“HEPA Air Filters”) in the impacted area.

Contact Tracing

6. No information gathered from any contact tracing on site will be used in a negative employment action against any faculty member.

Distance Education, Student Support, and Assignments

7. During the Spring 2022 semester, the District agrees to modify faculty workloads as follows:
 - a. **Classroom Faculty:** Classroom faculty may be assigned a hybrid class to meet the “on-ground” requirement of section C.13.3 of the contract. With regards to on-ground or hybrid courses, current faculty schedules established by deans and the office of instruction through existing scheduling practices, will remain unchanged. After approval of this agreement, if any additional on-ground sections are added to the spring schedule to meet student need, the District will make every effort to assign those sections to faculty members (full-time or associate) who agree to accept an additional on-ground assignment.
 - b. **Non-classroom Faculty:** In accordance with section C.2.5, non-classroom faculty are required to work thirty (30) hours per week on campus. During the spring 2022 semester, at a faculty member’s request the appropriate dean may authorize non-classroom faculty to work up to fifteen (15) hours remotely from the thirty (30) hours on campus requirement. The hours approved to work remotely may consist of student contact and/or preparation hours. If student demand necessitates additional on campus hours for non-classroom faculty, the District will make every effort to assign the hours to faculty members (full-time or associate) who agree to accept additional on campus hours. The District maintains its right to assign non-classroom faculty based on the needs of students, the department, and best interests of the program, in all cases except as those agreed to in this MOU and other applicable contractual agreements.
8. In the event that a faculty member’s contractual assignment is reduced due to low enrollment during the Spring 2022 semester, and the faculty member cannot be reassigned to another course or assignment, the District may establish an alternative work assignment for the faculty member. The alternative work assignment shall be determined by the appropriate dean in consultation with faculty member, and must be related to the work of a faculty member for the District.

9. The District shall loan faculty members equipment necessary for remote work, such as computers, headsets, webcams, etc. Faculty members must submit an equipment request form to request any such equipment. To the extent that equipment is unavailable for loan to faculty, due to budget constraints or equipment shortages, the District shall provide faculty members with a safe place to work on campus.
10. Faculty members maintain Academic Freedom in decision-making related to the content of courses they teach, including the determination of course content provided synchronously and asynchronously. Faculty members understand that they must adhere to the scheduled delivery method as identified in the schedule of classes (i.e., online, hybrid, or on-ground).
11. The District will follow all state and local protocols to maintain a safe working environment for faculty.

Training

12. The District shall provide distance education support to faculty during the Spring 2022 semester.
 - a. A workgroup consisting of the Director of Online Education, Teaching and Learning Center Coordinator, and PDP chair will be established by this agreement (“Workgroup”).
 - b. The Workgroup shall be responsible for identifying appropriate faculty peer mentors for Spring 2022, as specified below.
 - c. Spring 2022 Peer Mentors: During the Spring 2022 semester, the District shall provide up to 216 hours in compensation for up to twelve (12) faculty peer mentors to support faculty with distance education courses. The selection of peer mentors must be from a wide range of disciplines. Consideration should be given to faculty with online expertise and experience working collegially with their peers. The Workgroup, in consultation with the Vice President of Instruction, shall select the peer mentors. Peer mentors shall not be required to perform their duties until the start of Flex week for the Spring 2022 semester.

Compensation

13. The District shall provide a \$250 stipend for the expense of materials, equipment, and internet service required to support and maintain access to remote learning modalities during the Spring 2022 semester. Faculty members on a leave of absence for the entire Spring 2022 semester shall not be eligible for this stipend. Faculty members shall receive the stipend no later than May 31, 2022.

