## **BP 6100 COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY**

## **References:**

Education Code Sections 87100 et seq.; Title 5 Sections 53000 et seq.

The Riverside Community College District is committed to building a diverse and accessible environment that fosters intellectual and social advancement. All District programs and activities seek to affirm pluralism of beliefs and opinions, including diversity of religion, gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, disability, age and socioeconomic class. Diversity is encouraged and welcomed because the District recognizes that our differences as well as our commonalities promote integrity and resilience that prepares our students for the evolving and changing community we serve.

The District is committed to promoting diversity district-wide through its student body, as well as its employees. The District maintains a commitment to diversity through the recruitment and retention of students and employees that reflect the diversity of the communities in the District. Every effort is made to initiate and establish specific activities and programs designed to meet the District's diversity goals and objectives, to foster equal participation, and to ensure a campus climate that welcomes and respects differences.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that diversity in the academic environment fosters cultural awareness, promotes mutual understanding and respect, and provides suitable role models for all students. The Board is committed to hiring and professional learning processes that support the goals of equal opportunity and diversity and provide equal consideration for all qualified candidates.

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