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Contra Costa Community College District Announces Finalist for Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources

MARTINEZ, California – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) has announced the selection of one finalist for the position of Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources. The finalist is: Dr. Jeffrey Michels.

To learn more about the candidate, a public forum via Zoom has been scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The public forum will be open to the community, students, faculty, and staff, be recorded, and last 60 minutes. The detailed public forum schedule, zoom link to the public forums and recordings, and opportunity to provide input on the finalist, will be available on the District website at www.4cd.edu.

FINALIST

Dr. Jeffrey Michels



Dr. Jeffrey Michels (he/him) has been a teacher, manager, and educational leader for more than 30 years and has more than 15 years' experience in human resources and employee relations. He is an expert in collective bargaining and interest-based problem solving. 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.”

In the Contra Costa Community College District, Michels has served for 15 years as President and then Executive Director of United Faculty (UF). He has been the UF's communications manager and lead negotiator representing all faculty at Contra Costa

College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College. In that capacity, Michels has negotiated 14 collective-bargaining agreements and led many large projects to completion, including a comprehensive revision of the forms and procedures for evaluating faculty. He has worked collaboratively with all constituency groups in the District, including on issues related to health benefits, retirements, misconduct investigations and complaints, workplace safety, hiring and onboarding, equity and accessibility.

Michels currently serves as President of the California Community College Independents, an association representing faculty at 13 CA community college districts, including several in the Bay Area. He serves on Consultation Council at the State Chancellor's Office and on the Council of Faculty Organizations, which connects faculty leaders throughout the State. He is President of the Bay Faculty Association and has served as Policy Committee Chairman for the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.

Michels has a Ph.D. and M.A. in Comparative Literature from Brandeis University and a B.A. from the American University in Paris. He is a native of Contra Costa County and lives within a mile of the house in which he grew up with his wife, two kids, two cats, and two dogs.

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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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