This Board Policy is legally required.

I. The District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and access to all institutional programs and activities.

II. The District, and each individual who represents the District, shall provide access to its services, classes, and programs without regard to national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, military and veteran status, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

III. The Superintendent/President shall establish administrative procedures that ensure all members of the College community can present complaints regarding alleged violations of this policy and have their complaints heard in accordance with Title 5 regulations and those of other agencies that administer state and federal laws regarding nondiscrimination.

IV. No District funds shall ever be used for membership, or for any participation involving financial payment or contribution on behalf of the District or any individual employed by or associated with it, to any private organization whose membership practices are discriminatory on the basis of national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, military and veteran status, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

V. The District officers are responsible for ensuring District compliance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges regarding unlawful discrimination shall be the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (Director of Human Resources), and District’s Title IX Officer/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, (Dean of Student Affairs).

VI. The District will provide annual notice of its policy against unlawful discrimination to students, new employees when they commence working, and all current employees.

VII. Sources/References:
ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20 and ACCJC Accreditation Standard Catalog Requirements (formerly Accreditation Standard II.B.2.c)
Education Code Sections 66250, et seq., 72010, et seq., 87100 et seq.; Title 5, Sections 53000, et seq., 59300 et seq.;
Penal Code Section 422.55;
Government Code 12926.1, 12940, et seq.;
Assembly Bill 556 (AB 556)
See Administration Procedure 3410.