I. Introduction

A. The Rio Hondo Community College District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and access to all institutional programs and activities.

B. The District, and each individual who represents the District, shall provide access to its services, classes, and programs without regard to national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnicity, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, or military and veteran status, or because they are 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.

II. Complaints

The Superintendent/President has established 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.

III. Restrictions on use of District funds

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, immigration status, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnicity, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, military and veteran status, or because they are perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or because of their association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

IV. Compliance

A. The District Compliance Officer (which shall include Equal Employment Opportunity, Title IX, Section 504/ADA) is responsible for ensuring District compliance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges regarding unlawful discrimination.
B. The District will provide annual notice of its policy against unlawful discrimination to students, new employees when they commence working, and all current employees.

V. Sources/references

A. Education Code Sections 66250 et seq., 72010 et seq., and 87100 et seq.

B. Labor Code Section 1197.5

C. Government Code Sections 12926.1 and 12940 et seq.

D. Penal Code Section 422.55

E. Title 2 Sections 10500 et seq.

F. Title 5 Sections 53000 et seq. and 59300 et seq.

G. ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20 and ACCJC Accreditation Standard Catalog Requirements