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PROPOSAL
FROM THE CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO THE
CERRITOS COLLEGE FACULTY FEDERATION, AFT Local 6215

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This proposal from the Cerritos Community College District to the Cerritos College Faculty Association, AFT Local 6215 (“CCFF”) is expressly made pursuant to the Education Employment Relations Act and the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the parties. The following article shall be deemed to remain unchanged in the Collective Bargaining Agreement except as set forth below:

ARTICLE 30:
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

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30.1 Definition

30.1.1 A “grievance” is a formal written allegation by a grievant that has been adversely affected by a violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of the specific provisions of this Agreement ~~or~~ for the duration of this Agreement.

30.1.2 A “grievant” is a member of the bargaining unit or the Union itself, alleging to have been adversely affected by a violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of specific provisions of this Agreement.

30.1.3 A “day” is any day in which central administrative offices of the District are open for business.

30.1.4 The “immediate supervisor” is the first-level manager having line authority over the grievant and who has the authority to adjust the grievance.

30.2 General Provisions

30.2.1 Upon mutual written agreement of the District and Union, grievances filed by more than one (1) Unit member alleging violation of a provision of this Agreement under the same set of facts shall be processed concurrently as a single grievance.

30.2.2 Until final disposition of the grievance, the grievant is required to conform to the direction of their immediate supervisor unless doing so would pose a real and apparent hazard to the grievant or other Unit members, or would constitute a criminal act. If the Unit member fails to conform to the direction of their immediate supervisor, the Unit member may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

30.2.3 Grievance meetings shall be scheduled at times mutually acceptable to the grievant and District and, whenever possible, during normal working hours at times that do not interfere with classroom instruction or Faculty student hours.

30.2.4 All procedural documents dealing with the processing of the grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of the grievant.

30.2.5 A grievant may elect to be represented by the Union at each level of the grievance process. An individual grievant may present a grievance and

56 represent themselves and have such grievance resolved up to Level III without
57 the intervention of the Union as long as the resolution is consistent with the
58 terms of this Agreement. The District shall not implement a resolution of a
59 grievance with an individual grievant at Level III until the Union has
60 received a copy of the grievance and the proposed resolution and has been
61 given an opportunity to file a written response within ten (10) days of receipt
62 of the grievance and the proposed resolution. The grievant shall be present
63 at each step of the grievance procedure, unless otherwise agreed to in
64 writing between the District and Union.
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66 30.2.6 When a grievance has been filed by a Unit member, the grievant may
67 terminate the grievance procedure at any time by giving written notice to
68 the District.
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70 30.3 Timelines

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72 The grievant (individual or union) and the District shall comply with the timelines
73 established in this article, unless extended by mutual written agreement. Failure of the
74 grievant to meet the time limits shall be deemed a withdrawal of the grievance. The
75 grievant may automatically appeal the grievance to the next step in the grievance
76 procedure if the District fails to comply with the time limits. The time limits provided in
77 each step shall begin the day following the expiration of the previous time limit or the
78 day following receipt of the written decision by the District.
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80 30.4 **Mandatory** Informal Conference

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82 **Within twenty (20) days after an alleged violation occurs, and p**prior to filing a
83 grievance at Level I, the grievant (individual or union) shall attempt to resolve the
84 concern with the grievant's immediate supervisor. Upon mutual agreement, the
85 grievant and the immediate supervisor may seek the assistance of the Dean of
86 Academic Affairs or designee to facilitate discussions during the informal conference.
87 **Upon mutual written agreement, the grievant and supervisor may elect to extend**
88 **the timeline for informal resolution, which shall serve to extend only the timeline**
89 **for initiation of a formal Level I grievance but shall not impact any subsequent**
90 **timelines.**
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92 30.5 Formal Level

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94 30.5.1 Level I: Immediate Supervisor

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96 Within **ten (10) days after the completion of the informal conference, or**
97 **within ten (10) days of any extension of the informal conference timeline,**
98 **if the grievance remains unresolved**~~**twenty (20) days after the occurrence**~~
99 **of the act or omission giving rise to the alleged grievance, or within**
100 **twenty (20) days after the date upon which the grievant should**
101 **reasonably have been aware of the act or omission giving rise to such**
102 **grievance,** the grievant (individual or union) must present the grievance in
103 writing to the immediate supervisor. This statement of the Level I grievance
104 shall be a clear, concise statement of the circumstances giving rise to the
105 grievance; citation of the specific article(s) and section(s) of the Agreement
106 alleged to have been violated, the decision rendered at the informal conference
107 (if any), and the specific remedy sought. A copy of the grievance and
108 supporting documents shall be sent to the Vice President of Human
109 Resources. The immediate supervisor shall respond to the grievant in writing
110 within ten (10) days after receipt of the written grievance.
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[Note: Proposed revisions in 30.4 and 30.5 are intended to clarify the

112 **relationship on timing between the informal/formal stages, and permit greater**
113 **discretion in allowing productive discussions to occur at the informal stage.]**
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115 30.5.2 Level II: Appropriate Vice President or Designee
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117 If the grievant (individual or union) is not satisfied with the decision at Level I,
118 the grievant may, within ten (10) days of the receipt of the decision from Level
119 I, appeal the decision in writing to the appropriate Vice President or designee.
120 This statement of the Level II grievance shall include a copy of the original
121 grievance and appeal, the decisions rendered, and a clear, concise statement
122 of the reasons for the appeal. A copy of the appeal and supporting documents
123 shall be sent to the Vice President of Human Resources. Both parties shall
124 meet to discuss the merits of the grievance at the earliest convenient time. The
125 Vice President or designee shall return the form with the decision to the
126 grievant in writing within ten (10) days after meeting with the grievant.
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128 30.5.3 Level III: President/Superintendent or Designee
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130 If the grievant (individual or union) is not satisfied with the decision at Level II,
131 the grievant may, within ten (10) days of the receipt of the decision from Level
132 II, appeal the decision in writing to the President/Superintendent or designee.
133 This statement of the Level III grievance shall include a copy of the original
134 grievance and appeal, the decisions rendered, and a clear, concise statement
135 of the reasons for the appeal. A copy of the appeal and supporting documents
136 shall be sent to the Vice President of Human Resources. Both parties shall
137 meet to discuss the merits of the grievance at the earliest convenient time. The
138 President/Superintendent or designee shall respond to the grievant in writing
139 within ten (10) days after meeting with the grievant.
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141 30.5.4 Level IV: Mediation
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143 If the grievance is not resolved at Level III, the Union, may file a written request
144 to the President/Superintendent or designee for mediation. This request must
145 be filed within fifteen (15) working days from receipt of the decision at Level III.
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147 30.5.4.1 The Union and the District may jointly request that a
148 conciliator/mediator from the California State Mediation and
149 Conciliation Service be assigned to assist the parties in the
150 resolution of the grievance. The parties may jointly agree to hire a
151 mediator not from the California Mediation and Conciliation Service.
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153 30.5.4.2 If an agreement is reached, the agreement shall be reduced to
154 writing and shall be signed by the Union, individual grievant and the
155 District. This agreement shall be precedent setting upon agreement
156 of the parties and shall constitute a settlement of the grievance.
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158 30.5.4.3 In the event that the individual grievant, the Union, and the
159 President/Superintendent or designee have not resolved the
160 grievance with the assistance of the conciliator/mediator within ten
161 (10) days from the last meeting held by the conciliator/mediator, the
162 Union may terminate Level IV and the grievance may proceed to
163 Level V by notifying the District, in writing, within five (5) days from
164 the last mediation session.
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166 30.5.5 Level V: Arbitration

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168 The Union and the District shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator. If no
169 agreement can be reached, the District shall request the State Mediation and
170 Conciliation Service to supply a panel of seven (7) names of persons
171 experienced in hearing grievances in higher education institutions. Each party
172 shall alternatively strike a name until only one name remains. The remaining
173 member shall be the arbitrator. The order of striking shall be determined by lot.
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175 30.5.5.1 The arbitrator shall, as soon as possible, hear evidence and render
176 a decision on the issue submitted. If there is dispute by either party
177 as to arbitrability issues of the grievance then the selected arbitrator
178 shall rule on the arbitrability issues at a separate hearing, prior to a
179 hearing on the merits. Upon mutual written agreement, the parties
180 may submit an arbitration brief in lieu of making a personal
181 appearance on the arbitrability issue. If the parties cannot agree
182 upon a submission agreement, the arbitrator shall determine the
183 issue to be arbitrated by referring to the written grievance.
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185 30.5.5.2 The District and Union agree that the jurisdiction and authority of
186 the arbitrator and the decision rendered by the arbitrator shall be
187 confined exclusively to the interpretation of the express provision or
188 provisions of this Agreement that are at issue. The arbitrator shall
189 have no authority to add to, subtract from, alter, amend, or modify
190 any provisions of this Agreement or impose any limitations or
191 obligations not specifically provided for under the terms of this
192 Agreement.
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194 30.5.5.3 A hearing shall take place at which both parties shall have an
195 opportunity to present their case orally, to the arbitrator. Written
196 arguments may also be submitted. The arbitrator shall submit in
197 writing to both parties their findings and decision, which shall be
198 advisory only, except as provided in Section 30.5.5.4 below. The
199 Board of Trustees may accept the arbitrator's decision, or may
200 modify in part or reject the decision completely. The Board of
201 Trustees' decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
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203 30.5.5.4 The decision of the arbitrator shall be advisory to the Board of
204 Trustees. except for the following articles in which case the decision
205 shall be final and binding and not subject to Board review:
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- 207 a. Union rights under Article 3
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- 209 b. Evaluation procedures - limited to tenured Faculty evaluation
210 procedures only under Article 16
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- 212 c. Grievance procedures under Article 30
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214 30.6 The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the District and
215 Union. A court reporter will be retained upon the mutual agreement of the District and
216 Union. If the parties are unable to agree, the arbitrator shall make the final
217 determination. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them and
218 neither party shall be responsible for the expense of witnesses called by the other.
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