

Fall 2023

VCAS Resolution 01

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## Recommendation for an MOU to Establish a Grace Period for Distance Education Faculty

Whereas, AFT distributed the final version of the new Faculty Contract to VCCCD faculty on August 1, 2023 enacting a new process to recertify faculty to qualify to teach Distance Education courses, with the requirement that DE faculty recertify every 5 years;

Whereas, Nearly 300 faculty from across the district will be ineligible for Distance Education assignments in Spring 2024 if they do not recertify in Fall 2023;

Whereas, Faculty members whose recertifications are immediately due were given insufficient notice to prepare for recertification in time for Spring 2024 Distance Education assignments;

Whereas, The VCCCD Distance Education departments at each campus have a plan to accommodate all necessary recertifications within a one-year period, including a schedule of certification cohorts through August 1, 2024.

Resolved, The Ventura College Academic Senate (VCAS) hereby recommends and urges the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) to take immediate action to initiate immediate negotiations to enact a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to extend a "grace period," whereby the deadline for faculty members whose recertifications are immediately due may be extended until August 1, 2024.

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