



December 20, 2022

Dr. Dorothy Farias, Department Chair
Agriculture

Dear Dr. Dorothy Farias,

Thank you for all the work you put into completing your comprehensive program review. It has been reviewed by the College Planning Committee and the Executive Team. The College Planning Committee feedback is attached. Below, you will find comments, commendations, and recommendations from the Executive Team. These are provided for incorporation into your annual program planning processes. Typically, recommendations require planning improvements that will be implemented over time. Thus, in your subsequent annual mini reviews, you'll want to provide updates on progress made towards addressing these recommendations.

Comments:

- The VC AG program prepares students for a variety of careers within the vast agriculture industry, from Plant Science, Agribusiness management, Food Safety, and Veterinary Technology. Likewise, our program includes non-credit options in Food Safety and Bilingual instruction in our Ag Field Supervisor courses.
- There currently exists five main pathways under the Ag. discipline: Plant Science (AST and COA), Ag Business (AST and COA), Food Safety (AS, COA and COCN), Veterinary Technology (COA and AS) and Ag Field Supervisor (COCN).
- The Agriculture program supports VC's mission of engaging the community and students in career education for one of the most economically important industries in the county: Agriculture. We directly support students working towards ADTs in Plant Science and AG Business, as well as local degrees and certificates in the former, as well as those in Food Safety, Vet Tech, and Ag Field Supervisor, the latter a noncredit program utilizing ESL and bilingual instruction to increase the skill sets of current agricultural field workers, allowing them to seek career advancement opportunities within the industry.

Commendations:

1. The VC AG programs have strong curricula, aligned with ADT requirements for Plant Sci and Ag Bus.
2. The program also possesses Industry support for all programs, in the form of partnerships on teaching facilities (Avocado Orchard, Vet Tech teaching labs, etc.) as well as strong advisory boards for all programs.

Ventura College will be a beacon of learning — a source of inspiration and guidance — for our students and community.

3. ADTs have increased in both AG Bus and Plant Sci; the largest increase is in COA for Vet Tech, as that program is a cohort model and COA is pre-requisite for entry into AS program. Likewise, Ag Field Supervisor is another cohort program, showing strong completion rates.
4. The RVT program received American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in November, 2022.

Recommendations

1. Support opportunities to engage with community and industry in additional collaborations / partnerships including Dual Enrollment, Community Education, partnerships with CSUCI and UC Extension for teaching/research projects, and K-12 collaboration for enhanced Ag Literacy.
2. Support opportunities for expanded collaborations with industry partners for internships, industry tours, conferences, etc. for students.
3. Support opportunities to boost enrollments by offering fully online degree programs and increased marketing efforts.

CPC's overall recommendation is to strengthen the program to which I concur. Thank you again for your dedicated work in improving outcomes for our students.

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Sincerely,



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Q2 - What is this program doing well?

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Providing relevant and important training for our local industries.

Solid base of curriculum and program inception.

Not growing Avocado's :) Meeting industry needs? Didn't hear much except for the needs.

Meeting industry needs, especially for Ventura County as an agricultural community, providing collaborative programs, works closely with their advisory boards

Q3 - What could this program improve upon?

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They need more staff and money to achieve their goals.

Stronger descriptions in the future of student success outcomes. With such a relatively new discipline/program, this will likely increase automatically. Strengthen faculty staffing for the multiple pathways in the discipline. Improve facilities as described in the PR.

Increase faculty- work collaboratively with M&O to take care of pests, facilities upgrade

Balance growth with available college resources

Q6 - How well do the program's objectives align with the VC Educational Master Plan?

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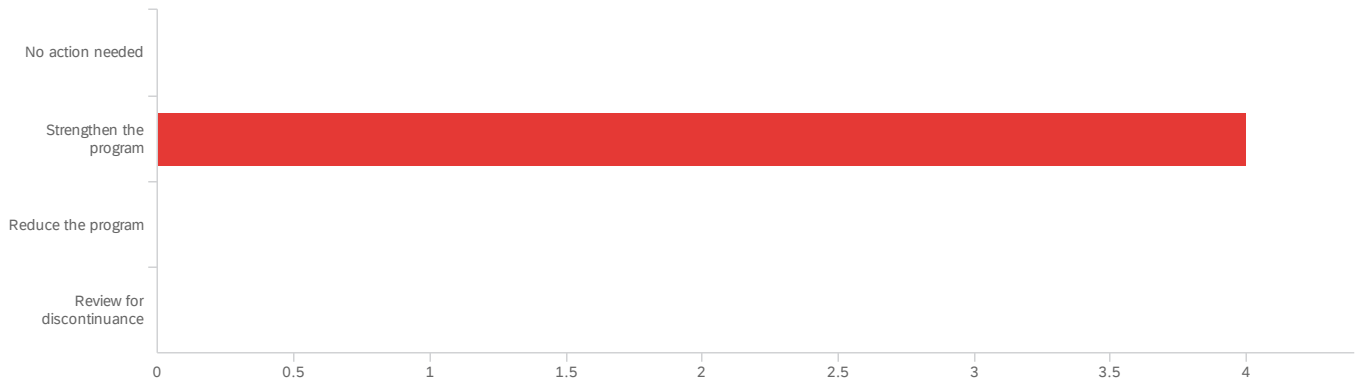
Items 2 and 3 below. 1. Increase the success of our students while closing equity gaps. 2. Increase our community's access to transfer, workforce preparation, and basic skills education. 3. Strengthen local/regional partnerships and community engagement. 4. Enhance institutional effectiveness and accountability to improve innovation and student outcomes. 5. Effectively manage campus resources to meet student and community needs.

Quite well. Most strongly: Goal 2: Increase our community's access to transfer, workforce preparation, and basic skills education, Goal 3: Strengthen local/regional partnerships and community engagement, Goal 5: Effectively manage campus resources to meet student and community needs

Have college commitment for occupational programs so that we can increase with needs!

Aligns very well with Goal #2 providing community access to workforce preparation and Goal #3 in strengthening community and industry partnerships.

Q8 - I recommend the following course of action for this program:



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1	I recommend the following course of action for this program:	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	4

#	Field	Choice Count
1	No action needed	0.00% 0
2	Strengthen the program	100.00% 4
3	Reduce the program	0.00% 0
4	Review for discontinuance	0.00% 0

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