

Santa Clara River Valley Educational Task Force
Thursday, November 17, 2016, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Location: Ventura College Santa Paula Site

Charge: *The Santa Clara River Valley Educational Task Force will create a conceptual design to meet the educational needs of the Santa Clara River Valley communities of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru.*

Present: Alfonso Gamino, David Keebler, Maria de la Luz Flores, Alejandra Jauregui, Lorenzo Moraza, Damien Peña, Celina Zacarias, Beatriz Zizumbo

Absent: Gabino Aguirre, Stefan Cvijanovich, Laura Espinosa, Kay Faulconer Boger, Elizabeth Garcia, Michelle Kolbeck, Norma Perez Sandford, Christine Schieferle, George Williams

Recorder: Sabrina Canola-Sanchez

Meeting Notes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action (If Required)	Assigned to:
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Meeting Commenced at 4:10pm</p> <p>Damien indicated that every quarter he will provide an update of campus outreach activities in the Santa Clara River Valley. He distributed a Fall 2016 Outreach Synopsis (Attachment: Santa Clara River Valley Outreach Fall 2016). Celina inquired who the college’s contact person is for Outreach. Damien indicated, the campus Outreach Liaison is Richard Torres, rtorres@vcccd.edu.</p> <p>Celina recommends that a campus or district representative be assigned to the <i>District Project Directors / MIST (Migrant Instructional Support Teacher) Council</i>, which meets on the first Thursday of each month, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Damien is interested in having a campus representative attend these meetings on a regular basis in order to have connections with Dr. Joe Mendoza, Director of the Special Populations Educational Support Program for the Ventura County Office of Education, and for the college to stay informed on activities taking place within the county.</p>		

<p>Review and Approve Revised Implementation Activities to Achieve Outcomes</p>	<p>Damien indicated there was no quorum present to approve the Task Force Outcomes, but if sufficient, he would like to have approval within the next month. The Task Force Outcome document is a living document, which may continually change. It's not exclusive or inclusive of all other activities the Task Force will be doing. The Task Force will continue to refer to this document in the next few weeks.</p>		
<p>Review Student Survey for Santa Paula Center Development</p>			
<p>Review Point of Contact Database in preparation for community focus groups and surveys.</p>	<p>Surveys to Active Community Members, Average Citizens, and Businesses - After reviewing the Task Force's Point of Contact Database, Lorenzo noted that the list contains people who hold a position in the community, but there is also a need to reach out to the average citizen. Celina agreed, and added that depending on the people, the goals will be different, and the delivery will need to be different.</p> <p>Task Force members agree that the people on the Point of Contact Database may be more inclined to complete an online survey, with possibly, a follow up activity in the form of a Town Hall. Beatriz believes the Task Force should also survey and reach out to employers. Celina recommends working with the Chambers of Commerce on the business survey.</p> <p>Task Force members contributed other methods to garner feedback from average citizens in the community, not in an online survey format, such as reaching out to current students at the Ventura College Santa Paula Campus, connecting with grassroots community organizations such as CAUSE in Santa Paula and One Step a la Vez in Fillmore, as well as reaching out to residents of local Limoneira Housing or the Cabrillo Housing Projects. Damien indicated that Ventura College could arrange for staff and student workers to use an ipad and visit community events, parades, fairs, churches, etc. and ask community members to complete the survey.</p> <p>Damien wants to ensure that Stefan is present when reviewing and approving the surveys.</p> <p>Garnering Support for the Vision – David pointed out the need for a compelling vision for what an educational center would be for this valley. He recommends the Task Force discuss with the community, some constructs for</p>	<p>Damien will work with David to formulate a couple questions for the survey. Survey questions will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Damien, David</p>

	<p>the growth vision, for example: Enabling students to have easy access; the ability for students to finish a 4-yr degree at this community center; reducing duplication of efforts so that we are better stewards of public funds; build a vision and receive buy in from the community. Lorenzo concurs, and adds, that we should discuss what is currently offered, and garner feedback from the community about what they wish to contribute for Ventura College to explore as it transitions to the new location.</p> <p>Lorenzo added that we need to sell the idea, that though current students may not experience the new campus, their younger siblings and next generations will.</p> <p>Celina agrees on the need to have community buy in of the vision, of the new location. David indicates that having the compelling vision helps VC and the Task Force to ensure that everything we do is moving in the direction of that vision.</p>		
<p>Members Reports and Updates</p>	<p>a. Harvest at Limoneira Development</p> <p>b. CSU Channel Islands</p> <p>Ribbon Cutting Events - Celina shared that Cal State Channel Islands recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for 600 additional board rooms and the expansion of the campus food services.</p> <p>Elections and CSU Campuses - With regards to the election, the Chancellor sent to all 23 CSU campuses, a reassurance of safety and safe location on campus, as a result of the national elections. CSUCI held a campus discussion on the issue, and to encourage students to continue their education. The campus emphasized to faculty and staff to keep students focused on their studies, and though for some it may be hard to hear what is being said, it falls under free speech.</p> <p>c. Santa Paula Unified School District</p> <p>Elections and SPUSD Campuses - Alfonso shared that students were apprehensive as a result of the elections. Administration and faculty reassured students and parents that they are here for all students, and this fact has not changed. They are making sure that counselors are available to</p>		

meet with students individually, as a group, or as a class. District officials were prepared in case of a student walk out.

Alfonso also shared that SPUSD had a board member election with all five seats open, for the second time in four years.

LCAP Funding - Alfonso provided the SPUSD Board a status on the LCAP funding. The Board held an initial meeting with the LCAP committee to review data. The Board decides what is implemented and what is not. Due to the local 85-90% low socio economic status, there is a lot of LCAP money due to the local need, and SPUSD wants to ensure monies are utilized strategically.

Adult Ed Program Update - Alfonso shared that SPUSD is finishing their first session of the Adult School Program. Adults will receive a certificate for finishing their first 10 week session. SPUSD was able to bring back GED, ESL, and Citizenship classes due to AB104 Block Grant funding. There were 140 slots, and all were filled to capacity. SPUSD will soon begin enrolling for their next session.

Alfonso extended an invitation to Task Force members to attend the Adult Ed Program's culminating event at Renaissance High School, as well as Science Night at Blanchard School, both taking place this evening.

d. Fillmore Unified School District

e. Ventura College

Elections and VC - Damien shared that the State's Community College Chancellor also sent a reassurance of safety to all community colleges, as a result of the elections. Ventura College hosted an open forum with students and faculty, to discuss the elections results.

VCCCD/VCTC Discussion - David has been working with Rick Post, the Vice Chancellor or Educational Affairs for the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) on discussions with the Ventura County Transportation Commission.

	<p>Accreditation Outcome - Ventura College went through Accreditation this year. The Preliminary report by the Accreditors has been reviewed. Ventura College received a positive report with only a few suggestions for improvement.</p> <p>Bilingual Staffing - Damien indicated that Ventura College needs to invest in more bilingual staff, especially for those who serve as first point of contacts to students. At Ventura College Santa Paula, the entire staff is bilingual, but this is not the case at the main campus.</p>		
Pending Task Force Activities and Action Timeline:	<p>a. Presentations to Boards of Trustees (VCCCD, SPUSD, FUSD)</p> <p>b. Presentations to City Councils (Fillmore and Santa Paula)</p> <p>c. Other</p>		
Announcements and Event Sharing			
Upcoming Meetings	<p>Thursday, December 15, 2016 4:00pm-5:30pm</p> <p>Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:00pm-5:30pm</p>		
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.		

November 14, 2016

Dr. Damien Peña

Ventura College

RE: Santa Paula/Santa Clara River Valley Outreach Fall 2016

The following information is being provided as an overview of services that Ventura College has participated in to connect with the communities in the Santa Clara River Valley area. On August 6th, 2016 Ventura College participated in the annual Santa Paula Family Affair community event to promote educational access and opportunities available at the college. We had counseling staff and student representatives staff an information table and provide resources. On August 30th Ventura College staff met with Fillmore Unified School District personnel to develop an aggressive strategy for 100% of Graduating Seniors in the district to complete a FAFSA. As a result of this effort, students and families have had various opportunities to participate and attend not only Financial Aid workshops, but also college admission workshops and/or information session that promote educational access, programs and services. In addition, we also helped to promote higher education by sponsoring a portion of wrist bands for the Santa Paula Pumpkin Patch family event during the month of October.

Below is a list of outreach efforts that Ventura College has and will be participating in this FALL 2016 to promote programs and services to the Santa Clara River Valley area community and one event that stands out was the Student Success Days event on October 3rd. The college hosted a resource event for current students and invited local high schools to participate as well as providing transportation. High School Seniors from Santa Paula HS and Sierra HS attended and acquired information regarding: Financial Aid, Admissions, Orientation, Counseling, Assessment and special program presentation from EOPS. In addition, students connected with faculty and college students at the resource fair to learn about the various academic support programs available. Prior to visiting the main campus, the students visited the VC Santa Paula site and received an information session and tour of the facilities available. Ventura College Santa Paula staff from counseling and administrative provided an overview and students gained valuable information that will help serve them in the future to make informed decisions regarding the enrollment/matriculation process.

Date	Event	Date	Event
8/6	Santa Paula Family Affair	10/19	Santa Paula HS Senior College Workshop
8/30	Fillmore Unified School District Meeting	10/19	Fillmore HS FAFSA Night
9/15	Sierra HS Back to School Night	10/20	Sierra HS Outreach Workshop
9/22	Santa Paula Senior Night	10/27	Cash for College VCSP
9/27	Sierra HS Outreach Presentation	11/3	Renaissance HS FAFSA Night
9/29	Fillmore HS Senior Night	11/4	Santa Paula HS CTE Drafting Outreach
10/3	Student Success Days – SP, Sierra HS	11/17	Fillmore HS Outreach Workshop
10/6	Higher Ed College Fair @ Santa Paula HS Higher Ed College Fair @ Fillmore HS	11/29	Renaissance HS Outreach Workshop
10/7	Fillmore HS Application Workshop	12/6	Santa Paula HS VC Campus Tour CTE
10/13	Santa Paula HS FAFSA Night	12/7 12/8	Fillmore HS FAFSA Night Santa Paula Application Workshop