**VENTURA COLLEGE**

**Minutes of the Diversity and Culture Committee**

**Date: September, Wednesday 23, 2015**

**3:00 pm – 4 pm**

**Present:** Raeann Koerner, Ben Somoza, Alex Kolesnik, Ann Bittl, Eileen Crump, Gwen Huddleston, Nathan Cole, Niki Milani, Robert Lawson,

Trevelyn Yahr

**Recorder: Eileen Crump**

**Absent:** Steven Turner,Andrea Horigan, Kevin Bortolin, Lynn Wright, Gigi Fiumerodo, Michael Ward, Nicholas Corrette, Rick Trevino, Rubisela Gamboa, Sabrina Canola, Tania DeClerck, Bill Hendricks, Sharon Beynon, Bill Hart

**Minutes:**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Summary of Discussion** | **Action (If Required)** | **Completion Timeline** | **Assigned to:** |
| Call to order | The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm |  |  | Gwendolyn Huddleston |
| Approval of Meeting Minutes | Ann approved the Ben second Wednesday September 23, 2015 meeting minutes |  |  | Eileen Crump |
| Event Proposal | The committee approved the Diversity and Culture Event Proposal. |  |  | Eileen Crump |
| Diversity in Culture Festival | The committee voted April 4-7, 2016 to hold the Diversity in Culture Festival. |  |  |  |
| Ideas for the Diversity in Cultural Festival | * Holistic Health * Autism Awareness * Earth Day events * Waiting Room (preview play 4 or 5 minutes long) * Student Art Event April 14 * Music Expose * Native American * African Dance and Drum Group * Aztec Dancers * Hula Dancers * Ventura College Anniversary * Music performances * Veterans * Clotheslines * Mural Wall or Graffiti wall * ThinkB4UDrink * Cultural Awareness Speakers * Diwali - Festival of Lights * Japanese music or dance * Improv Theater * Comedy Event * Spanish Heritage Dancers * Artist booth from Vitae, Bell Arts Factory– Ann * Library pick selected book, recommended book list |  |  |  |
|  | * Trevelyn check on Dance Group within community and college * Ann check on Artist * Nathan theater– Improv * Robert – Music * Alex will talk to Sue Royer about food will the food truck be there? Look to see how food contact is worded. * Niki will look for a writer * Nathan and Ben will talk to LBGT outside of college |  |  |  |
| Festival Location | MCE & MCW Quad good location, near classes, a lot of student traffic. |  |  |  |
| Marketing for Festival | Market: maps, guides, flags, posters, newspapers advertise |  |  |  |
| Fundraising Dinner Events | Jazz & Dinner December 10 first event  Into the Woods, February 18, 19, 20, 21  Art Gallery – Student April 14 & May 5  Do Art Show and Dance Performance together May 5  Dinner: $5000 per meal for 35 people $1500 per dinner 5 dinners - dinner comes with wine  Leaves of $15,700  Jazz Dinner December 10 |  |  |  |
|  | Gwen will check Mayo’s funds how much  Funding: Need Proposal   * Women’s History month $400 * Black History Month $400 * Dia de Los Muetos $400 * Caesar Chavez Day $400 * Citizens for Peaceful Resolution Earth Charter Summit $200 * Student Worker Celebration $800 * Art Walk $19,000 * Clothesline $300 * Festival of Light $400 * Colloquium $500 * Transgender speaker (ask to bring to fair)   Speakers: $350 per speaker as an average 7 speakers $2450 leaves $20,700 35 people |  |  |  |
| Next meeting | Monday, September 28, 3-4 pm in MCW 312 |  |  |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm. |  |  |  |