**VENTURA COLLEGE**

**Minutes of the Diversity and Culture Committee**

**Date: Monday September 28, 2015**

**2:00 pm – 3:00 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 Bittl moved to approve the September 23, 2015 meeting minutes and Ben Somoza second the motion. The September 23, 2015 meeting minutes were approved by the committee. |  |  | Eileen Crump |
| Event Proposal | The committee voted to approve the Diversity and Culture Event Proposal. |  |  | Eileen Crump |
| Diversity in Culture Festival  Dates | The committee voted to have the Diversity in Culture Festival on April 4-7, 2016. |  |  |  |
| 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 * Music Expose * Native American History * African Dance and Drum Group * Aztec Dancers * Hula Dancers * Celebrate Ventura College Anniversary * Music performances * Veteran’s Awareness * Clotheslines * Mural Wall or Graffiti Wall * ThinkB4UDrink * Cultural Awareness Speakers * Diwali - Festival of Lights * Japanese music or dance * Improv Theater * Comedy show * Spanish Heritage Dancers * Artist booth from Vitae and Bell Arts Factory * The library can create a booklist of recommended reading. * Transgender speaker |  |  |  |
| Festival Job Assignments | * Trevelyn will check on Dance Groups within community and college. * Ann will check on Art Booth and Artist. * Nathan will check on Improve Theater. * Robert will check on music performances. * Alex will talk to Sue Royer about having food vendors and food trucks for the festival and what are the restrictions. * Niki will research having a writer as a speaker. * Nathan and Ben will look into having LGBT speaker or event.   The cost for speakers is about $350 per speaker. Seven speakers will cost $2450. |  |  |  |
| Diversity in Culture Festival Location | The committee voted to host the festival at the MCE and MCW Quad because there are a lot of students walking to the classrooms. The music performances will be held in the PAC. |  |  |  |
| Marketing for Festival | Will create maps, guides, flags, posters and advertisement. |  |  |  |
| Fundraising Dinner Events  Ideas | * Jazz & Dinner December 10 * Into the Woods, February 18, 19, 20, 21 * Art Gallery – Student April 14 - May 5 * Waiting Room * Do Art Show and Dance Performance together on May 5   Total for all dinner events will cost $5000,  Invite about 35 people.  Planning to have 5 dinner fundraisers.  $1500 per dinner including wine. |  |  |  |
|  | Gwen will see if there are any funds left from Mayo de La Rocha’s Funds.  The committee voted to give the following amount of funds:   * 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   Each event must submit a Diversity in Culture Event Proposal. |  |  |  |
| Next meeting | Monday, October 19, 2:00-3:00 pm in MCW 312. |  |  |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm. |  |  | Gwendolyn Huddleston |