**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 FestivalDates | 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
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| 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 EventsIdeas | * 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 |