

VENTURA COLLEGE

Minutes of the Ventura College Off-Campus Programs Task Force Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Present: Paul F. Chounet, Kay Faulconer, Elizabeth Garcia, Tim Harrison, Jesse Ornelas, Mayo de la Rocha, Sharon Woolley.
Via conference call: Art Sandford

Absent: Lucia Marquez, Tony Prado

Recorder: Sabrina Canola

Minutes:

Open Agenda/ Discussion	Summary of Discussion	Action (If Required)
Introductions	Tim introduced Sharon Woolley, Project Manager for the Office of Economic Development for the Ventura County Community College District. Sharon was a guest at the meeting to provide insights on programs that could become <i>staples</i> in the Santa Clara River area.	
Center Status	<p>The committee agrees that Center status is a positive step in support of the Santa Clara River Valley region.</p> <p>There are 112 community colleges across California, and 71 off-campus centers. Kay researched the following community college centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego’s Barrio Logan, Cesar E. Chavez campus – scheduled to open in 2015. • College of the Canyon’s, Canyon Country Campus • Merced College’s, Los Banos Campus • Allan Hancock Community College’s, Lompoc Valley Center <p>In her research, Kay found that Centers have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities and services same as a regular campus such as admissions, SBO, tutoring centers, labs, and special programs, among others. • On-site Dean 	San Diego Barrio Logan Center is breaking ground now. Kay will visit with their Chancellor.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Components of rigorous academic programs. <p>Kay shared the example of Allan Hancock’s Lompoc Valley Center which has a large focus on human service programs such as Police, Fire, EMT, etc. This center has taken a focus and developed a niche.</p>	
<p>Limoneira and East Area One</p>	<p>The City of Santa Paula approved an application from the Limoneira Company for a specific plan to develop properties in the city’s East Area One General Expansion Area. Tim and David Keebler met with Limoneira CEO, Harold Edwards, to discuss the plans for a potential “College Learning Center.” It would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International academy for sports and language acquisition. Sports to include soccer, tennis, and possibly swimming. • Location will include residence halls/apartments, and a hotel. • College Center would consist of about 7 acres. • Community will include a new k-8 school of about 20 acres. • Key players would be the VCCCD college district, Santa Paula Unified K-8, and CSU’s. <p>Kay says the center could become a Mecca for people who need specialized training and require housing arrangements.</p> <p>Paul and Jesse advised that the city is now working on the city track maps (6-9 months), and then they can begin on drawings (9-10 months). They are currently turning dirt with civil maps (streets).</p> <p>Link to East Area One Information on the City of Santa Paula website. Link to East Area One information on the Limoneira Company’s website.</p>	
<p>Programming / “Staples” that could work</p>	<p>Programming ideas raised by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete general education track for students to obtain an AA degree and /or transfer to a UC/CSU completely off-campus. • Basic skills. Art suggests accelerated basic skills programs. • Student Services package. • Allied Health Package. Paul suggests classes that are linked to the medical center proposed in East Area One. SPHS already has a health services academy. VC could make a connection. • Explore Language Acquisition Programs: ESL / International Students / EngM / Citizenship. Also VESL, such as ESL for health or child development. Sharon advises that the area of hospitality and tourism 	<p>Sharon suggests working with employers to get their input as to what would be a good certificate program for them, and to ask which entry level skills <i>they</i> would need. May take place in the form of a luncheon.</p> <p>Sharon mentioned that HAAS and the other two top manufacturing employers are looking to establish a manufacturing academy. There is a potential for partnership between VC and HAAS to</p>

	<p>may lend itself to VESL. Mayo advises that the need will hit us big with the passage of the immigration bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay noted that many centers have strong business programs such as in accounting, HR, small business. These are also transfer programs. Paul introduced the NFTE foundation which teaches entrepreneurial skills. Subsidies are available to facilities in lower socioeconomic programs. NFTE not only teaches students about business, but how to start a business. • Technology and Automotive. Sharon advises that manufacturing is huge for our county. There are good paying jobs in manufacturing. • Reinstatement of Interior Design Program. <p>Paul informed that SPUSD is writing a CTE grant. There is a 250 million dollar grant for K-14.</p> <p>Tim informed about Assembly Bill 86, where 25 million dollars disbursed to community colleges and linked to Adult Education. A consortium is being formed with VC and the four adult schools in Ventura County (Ventura, Oxnard, Simi and Conejo). The committee is led by President Gillespie.</p>	<p>connect with plans for this academy.</p> <p>Talk to HAAS about an H-Tech center as part of the new facility. Sharon will forward Tim links to information.</p> <p>Paul suggests we explore NFTE.com.</p> <p>Tim asked Jesse to provide him a link to the economic forecast information.</p>
High School Needs	<p>Elizabeth Garcia says it would be ideal to have certificate eligible CTE college courses available at the high school campus.</p> <p>The committee discussed schools where students graduate high school with an AA diploma in hand. One example is El Camino, and schools in Los Angeles Unified.</p> <p>Paul says research shows that students are getting their major direction in about 5-6th grade. It is important to expose students to pathways in elementary schools.</p>	

Next meeting February 5, 2014, 1:30-3:00 p.m.