

MEETING MINUTES

VENTURA COLLEGE

Minutes of the Diversity in Culture Taskforce

Date: Thursday, December 6th, 2018

Present: Walt Agajanian (HIST), Mariana Branda (SOC), David Carlander (ENGL), Gigi Fiumerodo (ANTH), Rock Fredell (DE), Rubisela Gamboa (CHST/HIST), Jamie Harmon (COMM), Peter Sezzi (LIB), Ben Somoza (SPAN), Steve Turner (EAC/SS/CDL), Maline Werness-Rude (ART), Jamie Vega (IDS)

Co-Chairs: Gigi Fiumerodo & Dan Kumpf

Recorder: Alexander Rock Fredell

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action (If Required)	Completion Timeline	Assigned to:
Call to order	Gigi called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.			
Welcome	Gigi welcomed, intros made, Topics today include: Survey Review, Reports from taskforce members, Mosaic Mural Update, and Planning Events for the Festival.			
Survey Review	Results from the Survey were distributed to taskforce members. Taskforce members voted to take home during winter break to review and report back on during the next meeting.	1.) Review Survey Results		1.) All Taskforce Members
Reports from Taskforce Members	<p>Peter Sezzi: Peter and Gwendolyn Ally went to Foothill Tech High School to meet students during a Volunteer fair. The High School has a requirement for students to have a certain amount of community service hours. Peter and Gwendolyn thought it would be a great idea to invite Foothill students to volunteer with planning and hosting the festival. Foothill also has a entrepreneurship program, that could assist with printing T-shirts for the festival.</p> <p>Social Media & Marketing: Gigi has shared With the taskforce the new Instagram for the festival (@vcdiversityfest) as well as a post hashtag (#vcdiversityfest) The taskforce has had great success having a student intern for social media</p>	<p>1.) Contact Media Outlets</p> <p>2.) Create Slideshow and flyers/materials</p>		<p>1.) Gigi Fiumerodo Peter Sezzi Jamie Harmon Rock Fredell</p> <p>2.) Rock Fredell Gigi Fiumerodo</p>

	<p>marketing, and will look into getting another for the spring semester.</p> <p>Various members has agreed to assist with contacting local media outlets to promote the festival.</p> <p>Mosaic Mural Update: Gigi and Peter have met with Jay Moore, Victor Lopez, Joe Esquivel, and Martin Navarro from FM&O to discuss what it would take to redo the space around the mural. FM&O Team says it can easily be done. Palm Trees will be moved, stump will be removed, and the ground will be leveled out to put in a pathway, possible lights, and tables, as well as a plaque to rededicate the mural. M&O Should be able to cover costs for restoration of the space. A key will be needed to open the mural case to inspect and determine how many hours it will take to restore.</p>	<p>to advertise during flex</p>		
<p>Events Planning</p>	<p>The Taskforce began to start putting together a schedule of events for the festival.</p> <p>Events Confirmed for Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hieroglyphics – Maline Werness-Rude • Ceramics Sale – Jenchi Wu • NAMI – Ioana Schmidt • Mental Health & Wellness – Steve Turner • History Event (TBD) – Walt Agajanian • Aztec Calendar – Jamie Vega • Santeria – Ben Somoza & Amy • Dennis Doyle, Irish Culture – Michael Ward • Lab Girl Event – Kammy Algiers • World Literature Panel – Mariana Branda & Jenna • Women Engineers Panel – Roxanne Ford • Taiko Drummers Workshop & Performance – Gigi Fumerodo <p>Jamie Vega presented an opportunity to bring a Influential Professor and author from University of Arizona as well as a couple of Mayan Speakers from Guatemala.</p>			

	David Carlander will meet with English Department to get feedback on when to have the Poetry Slam.			
Adjournment	Gigi adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM			
Next meeting	January 24th, 2019 2:30-3:30pm in MCE 226			