

# Spring Flex Week January 2016

## Thursday, January 7

**9:00 am -10:30 am**

**Evaluations: Peer, Chair, Dean, Mentor**

**A Conversation to Discuss the Meaningful Evaluation (CCCR)**

What does the research show are best practices for effective evaluations?

Join faculty, staff, and administrators to take a look at the ways VC evaluates employee performance.

We'll look at the contract, our policies, and then brainstorm ways to make the most of these critical pieces of feedback. Come join the conversation.

All VC Deans, Department Chairs, and faculty are encouraged to attend.

(Kim Hoffmans, VC Deans, VC Department Chairs)

**9:00 am -10:30 am**

**Best Practices in Online Instruction to increase Student Success (LRC 136)**

Instructional Technologists Sharon Oxford and Matthew Moore guide attendees in best practices in online education.

**10:45 am- 12:00 pm**

**Equity, Stereotypes and Faculty Academy**

**(10:45 am - 11:10 am) *First Session***

**Stereotype Threat and Equity**

**A Discussion of the Power of Perceptions (CCCR)**

Watch a brief lecture, and a discussion of the idea of stereotype threat and how it could keep students from feeling that they can succeed at VC.

(Discussion led by psychologist Nikki Milani)

**(11:10 am – Noon) *Second Session***

**What has Faculty Academy learned about Equity in the classroom? (CCCR)**

Please join the Faculty Academy in a discussion about classroom instruction and student engagement as it relates to equitable practices in the classroom. After looking at our student demographics at Ventura College, what teaching methods best serve Ventura College students?

Members of the Faculty Academy will share what they learned through an action research project that surveyed students on these questions:

What makes our students feel valued?

What makes our students feel engaged or disengaged?

What helps our student connect with the course content?

Please join us look at student responses and discuss their implications.

**NOON-1:30****Our Organizational Structure...What Should It Look Like?** (Guthrie Hall)

Join President Gillespie and the Vice Presidents to share your input on the administrative/divisional structure for the college. Also an update on college wide initiatives followed by questions and answers will occur.

**1:30 pm -3:00 pm****Alphabet Soup****Getting Beyond the Acronyms of the Special Initiatives at VC** (CCCR)

Meet the people behind Ventura College's Special Initiatives: Equity, ALAS, SSS, Velocidad, Travel Pool and BSI. Find out what these groups do, where their funding comes from, and how you can get involved.

(Phillip Briggs, Bill Hart, Karen Engleson, Gigi Fiumerodo, Lynn Wright, Gwendolyn Huddleston)

**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm****When Conflict Happens—What Do I DO??** (MCW 312)

*Do you know:*

What to do when "A SITUATION" occurs with a student in your classroom or office?

The rights of the instructor and the rights of the student?

What our code of conduct says?

Meet the VC Behavior Intervention Care Team (BICT). This important group's mission is to help Ventura College work through conflict. Ask questions and learn about our campus approach to conflict solutions.

(Mary Jones and Raeann Koerner to present)

**4:30 pm - 5:30 pm****VC at the Forefront in Online Education** (LRC 136)

OEI (Online Education Initiative) and Canvas Adoption at Ventura College.

We'll let you know the status of the state's adoption of Canvas as a Canvas Demonstration – A Training Preview (Matthew Moore and Sharon Oxford to present)

## **Friday, January 8**

**9:00 am -11:30 am**

### **Syllabus as a Centerpiece (MCW 312)**

Philip Clinton shares his approach to making the first day of class POWERFUL.

**9:00 am -11:30 am**

### **Desire to Learn Questions/ Quest for Success Materials for Online Courses (LRC 136)**

This is a chance to meet with Educational Technologists to discuss solutions to D2L problems and learn about the resources from Quest for Success.

**Noon- 1:45**

### **Accreditation...How Can We Pass? (Guthrie Hall)**

Join Vice President Kim Hoffmans to learn about new standards, our progress, and how we can make the college be ready for a successful visit and review.

**1:45- 3:15 p.m.**

### **Outstanding VC Faculty**

**Join innovative colleagues as they share their ideas** (This session meets in the Applied Science Building Foyer)

- **Scott Rabe** and his guitars—who is this guy and why do students adore him?
- **Tom O'Connor** had an EMERGENCY party—see how EMT included the community, every level in the EMT program, and active student learning!
- A Biologist and a Chemist walk into a lab... with both their classes—**Jennifer Garner and Kristen Clark** show how their learning community made science come alive!
- I taught in the ASC! **Steve Palladino** shows off the 3D Visualization Environment in our new Applied Science Center (this session will allow you to tour and try the 3D area)

**3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**

### **Building your Online Community (LRC 136)**

Meet with Instructional Technologists, Sharon Oxford and Matthew Moore, to discuss ways to increase student engagement in the online modality.