



Office of the President

January 11, 2023

Dr. Michael Ward
Department Chair, Social Sciences

Dear Michael Ward,

Thank you for all the work you put into completing your comprehensive program review. It has been reviewed by the College Planning Committee and the Executive Team. The College Planning Committee feedback is attached. Below, you will find comments, commendations, and recommendations from the Executive Team. These are provided for incorporation into your annual program planning processes. Typically, recommendations require planning improvements that will be implemented over time. Thus, in your subsequent annual mini-reviews, you'll want to provide updates on progress made towards addressing these recommendations.

Comments:

- The program identified programmatic strengths as expert teaching and mentoring of students; faculty participation in professional development, including teaching methods, publishing, research, and conferences; opportunities for student participation, enhancing academic resumes, transfer to university, and establishing important professional connections.
- The program identified programmatic weaknesses as the need to replace retired faculty with new hires, and lack of financial support for extra-curricular opportunities for students within disciplines of the Department.
- The Department has an active Pathway to Law School program.
- The program promotes Ethnic Studies and History courses that support students who identify with varied ethnicities and ethnic histories.

Commendations:

1. The program is doing well at involving the community in the program.
2. The program provides various "out of the classroom" activities, such as recording oral histories, to keep students engaged in subject matter.
3. The Social Science Department offered active support for student clubs, including the Political Science Club, the Black Student Union, the American Indian Movement at VC, MEChA, and the VC History Association, all of which have had a positive effect on student confidence and involvement in campus and community programs and events, thus helping student success

Ventura College will be a beacon of learning — a source of inspiration and guidance — for our students and community.

Recommendations

1. Continue to connect the critical thinking skills in the social sciences to many local employment opportunities (e.g., with the Museum of Ventura County). By achieving this, community connections can be restored and strengthened, while serving as an outreach strategy.
2. The division should consider new ways to promote enrollment for the programs, especially considering new AB928 legislation.

CPC's overall recommendation is to strengthen the program to which I concur. Thank you again for your dedicated work in improving outcomes for our students.

Sincerely,

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President

Ventura College

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Q2 - What is this program doing well?

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Successes for students

Preserving local history.

The program is doing well at involving the community in the program.

Connect the critical thinking skills in the social sciences to many local employment opportunities (e.g., with the Museum of Ventura County). Strong transfer record for our students.

The program does a great job exposing students to many different area.

Public history is a growing area Connections with local museums and history associations Able to record history for our local areas

Lots of out-of-class activities for students (recording oral histories)

Q3 - What could this program improve upon?

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The program needs to find ways to promote enrollment for the programs, even though some classes are GE and easily filled.

None

Hiring full time faculty and bringing back symposium.

Restore community connections via outreach and research. Increase enrollment and completion for History and Political Science. Need for additional faculty in these areas--especially for these community outreach efforts.

As with most programs, addition staff would strengthen the program.

Increase transfer degrees Increase collaboration with local industry

Improve and stabilize enrollment

Q6 - How well do the program's objectives align with the VC Educational Master Plan?

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The program objectives align well.

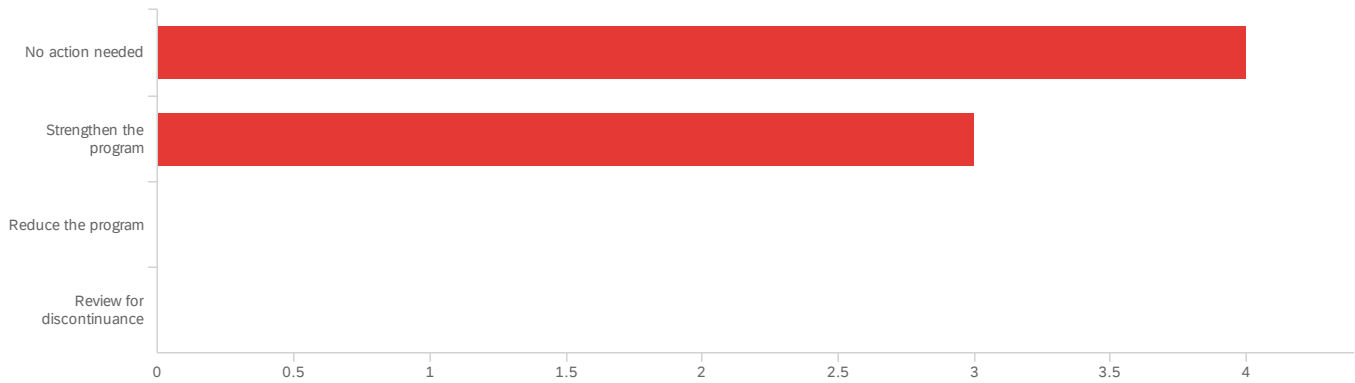
Goal 3: Strengthen local/regional partnerships and community engagement.

The objectives align well.

It aligns with Goal #2: 2. Increase our community's access to transfer, workforce preparation, and basic skills education.

Fits well

Q8 - I recommend the following course of action for this program:



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1	I recommend the following course of action for this program:	1.00	2.00	1.43	0.49	0.24	7

#	Field	Choice Count
1	No action needed	57.14% 4
2	Strengthen the program	42.86% 3
3	Reduce the program	0.00% 0
4	Review for discontinuance	0.00% 0

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