

## VCEC Reaffirmation Statement written Spring 2024

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VC faculty support students, families, and community members within the Santa Clara River Valley communities

VC faculty have consistently been viewed as obstructionists in regard to Ventura College East Campus by the projection that faculty are holding back programming and not willing to work with the community or with the college to provide expanded programming to the Santa Clara River Valley

Any decisions about programming need to be made in a logical, fiscally responsible way. Program planning requires careful consideration through intentional conversations by faculty preferably with administration support. This planning of program offerings needs to carefully consider staffing, the necessity of programming, response to community need:

- Expansion of current offerings
- New programs
- Collaborations and with input from the Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru community

Whereas our statement of purpose is ....

Faculty will focus on inclusive planning of programming. This will be accomplished through working with departments and divisions to develop and implement an equitable process that would determine the most appropriate programming to serve the Santa Clara River Valley

Take steps in growing programs by implementing a 2 prong approach that is developed within a faculty lead committee with administration supporting the process.

Looking to create partnerships with school districts and businesses to bring classes to the mentioned communities

Faculty, in particular instructional faculty, need to be included in all aspects of planning and implementation of programs and courses within the Santa Clara River Valley, not just limited to:

- Conduct a needs assessment of the communities; considering future industry prior to work in planning programming
  - Faculty have to be involved in generating content to be covered in the assessment to ensure programmatic voice
  - Faculty need to be involved in working with the Workforce Development Board to influence prior statements.
  - Work to create partnerships with school districts and businesses to bring classes to the mentioned communities
  - Utilize relationships with dual enrollment programs, identify ways to create relationships that will support understanding on community needs to influence programmatic decision making

- Discussion and inclusion around hiring new faculty to meet the needs of courses offered
- Discussions regarding growing enrollment at the the main campus while there is a growth in enrollment of students in the Santa Clara River Valley
- In plans and proposal of dedication of % of faculty increased in relation to student growth
- Allocation in the budget to take on faculty and staff required
- Articulation and hiring high school teachers to teach classes are not the first line of defense in considering staffing programming

On behalf of the faculty at Ventura College, the Chancellor and the District needs to reassure and reaffirm to the community that faculty are committed to supporting the educational growth of the Santa Clara River Valley