

VC Diversity in Culture Planning

Oct 1, 2025 -1:00 pm – Meeting notes

Attendees: Mariana Banda, David Carlander, Gigi Fiumerodo, Fernando Hernandez, Oscar Rivera, Fernando Salinas, Peter Sezzi, Vanessa Stoler, Jenchi Wu

Dates: April 8th and 9th 2026-

Gigi: 2 days of stage events? need to check MC date

VC 100th Anniversary-Ideas for Events and Speakers

Jenchi: Ceramics Sale and Demo

Oscar:

- Project 562
- Ethnic Studies faculty involvement (extending Heritage month talks, support from Exec team)
- Bringing in more involvement from student clubs- will reach out to ASVC president
- Check out Campuspeak for possible speakers

Peter:

- “Greatest Hits” - Los So Lows return (Fernando S. will reach out)

Mariana:

- Possible Keynote speakers for event

Fernando S.:

- Alumni speakers, local speakers
- More club involvement

- Poetry Slam
 - Workshops in Spring
 - Publishing Anthology (We may need to fund)
 - Ideas from Fernando:
 - Theme: Will It Matter in 100 Years? (A Pirate's Legacy)
 - What are you striving for now that you hope will be a treasure for future generations?
 - How does the 100-year history of Ventura College inspire your own journey today?
 - If you could send a message in a bottle to a VC student in the year 2125, what would you write?
 - What current struggle, joy, or piece of knowledge do you believe will endure?
 - What is the legacy you want to leave behind?
- Budget
 - \$40K
 - Additional sponsorship from VC Foundation
 - Vanessa- possible \$4K extra / reaching out to Alumni coordinator Grace Falzone-Miller

Next meeting on Zoom- Nov 12:at 1:30 pm

