

VC Diversity in Culture Planning

Jan 28th, 2026 -1:30 pm NOTES

For meeting minutes:

<https://www.venturacollege.edu/committees/professional-development/diversity-in-culture-taskforce>

Attendees: Heather Aguilar, Mariana Banda, David Carlander, Shirley Erwin, Gigi Fiumerodo, Rubisela Gamboa, Natalie Mendoza, Oscar Rivera, Ioana Schmidt, Peter Sezzi, Stacy Sloan Graham, Evand (student rep from Creative Writing Collective)

Schedule of Events (tentative times):

Ceramics Sale and Demo (both days?)

Wednesday April 8

9:00 am- Opening of festival- Julie Tumamait (tentative)

10:00 am- Danza Azteca Xochipilli (confirmed)

11:00 am Yaminah Legohn, Afro-Caribbean Dance (confirmed)

12:00 VC Jazz Ensemble- with Fundi Legohn

1:00 pm- Taiko Drumming- Isaku Kageyama (confirmed)

1:30 pm- Career Center Workshop (this will be in the Career Center- confirmed by Natalie)

AFTERNOON BREAK

5:00-8:00 pm ASVC Student Centennial Celebration (confirmed)

Thursday, April 9

9:00 am- Day 2 Opening, performance with Sade Champagne

10:00 am- JosepPhoenix

11:30-12:45 Los So Lows

12:45 Announcement of Student Art Contest Winner

1:00-2:30 Poetry Slam Onward! A Legacy of Heritage and Hope.

2:30-3:00 VC Singers with Brent Wilson (confirmed)

VC Folklorico performance

Classroom speakers:

Ariadna Romero Ayala: Herbalism and Indigenous Healing Ways- hosted by Mariana on Wed 4/8 at 10:00 am

Jaan Calderon: The Viking Age

Dennis Doyle: Irish Music and Culture

Jaime Vega: Defining your Identity: Ancient Sun Stone of the Aztec Calendar

Stacy has classes Wednesday at 8:30 am and 10:00 am

Heather Aguilar (class on Wed at 10:00 am):

English Club event: Possible workshops, collaboration with middle school/high schools;

Haiku workshop with Sharon. Collaboration with new VC student newspaper

David Carlander:

Henry Barajas will present in person or on Zoom

Gilbert and Jaime Hernandez would be \$2000

Ioana:

Can host Ana Luzia Nogueira again with Mental Health presentation

Table in festival are on wellness coach certification program

Wellness events maybe Guthrie on Thursday:

Tai Chi with Maki (?)

Sound bath

Budget details

- \$40K
- Additional sponsorship from VC Foundation/ Grant submission earlier this semester
- \$4K for Centennial

Costs

- Stage: \$18,348.76
 - ASVC will help with the cost
- Los So Lows \$3000
- Sade (2 days) \$1800
- Danza Azteca \$1100
- Poetry Slam- Will It Matter in 100 Years? (A Pirate's Legacy):
 - Workshops \$2400 (need schedule for March Zooms)
 - Anthology \$1800
- Speakers remain at \$400

Additional items

- Club involvement/Volunteers
 - Gigi met with ASVC on Tues, 12/16
- Marketing
 - Updating webpage, student art contest, poetry workshop dates
- Procedures for paperwork and requisitions for this year
 - New Spreadsheet with Vendor information- Amanda Moore
 - New Google Doc for each Vendor completed by Gigi
- Sign Language interpreters
- Securing classrooms and space on campus

- ASC 130 Available Wed 4/8 from 10:00-11:30 am
- ASC 150 AND Guthrie Hall Available Thurs 4/9 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Next meeting on Zoom- Feb 10th:at 1:30 pm

We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the spring semester