

VC Diversity in Culture Planning

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 -1:30 pm NOTES

For meeting minutes:

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professional-development/diversity-in-  
culture-taskforce](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- Josephoenix

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month in the spring semester