

VC Diversity in Culture Planning

Feb 26, 2025 MINUTES

Attendees: Steve Turner, Mariana, Gigi, Peter, Stacy, Vanessa, Jessica Perez, David Carlander

- Welcome
- 2025 Diversity in Culture festival
 - April 9th and 10th 2025- Virtual and On-Campus
 - Student Art Contest Posters out and Poetry Slam Posters
 - Find our agendas and meeting notes here:

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

Poetry Slam:

Poetry Slam Workshops on Zoom: Posters ready for distribution
Poetry Slam Awards approved by ASVC on Feb 18th

Vincent Jimenez: March 5th - 4:30PM - 5:30 PM

Matt Sedillo: March 6th - 1:30PM - 2:30 PM

David Romero: March 12th - 4:30PM - 5:30 PM

Kali Bennett: March 13 1:30PM - 2:30 PM

Might Mike McGee : March 19th - 4:30PM - 5:30 PM

Luzmaria Espinosa: March 21st - 4:30PM-5:30PM

Schedule:

For the hyflex/virtual day Wed, April 9th Discussion of events:

8:30-9:45 – MCE 226 & Zoom – Pete Zavalla

Sacred Sites of the Comanche and Chumash Cultures with Pete Zavalla

HYFLEX: In person and on Zoom.

9:00-11:00- LRC- Student Success Panel hosted by Stever Turner with presentation by Sandy Alhassbani

~~10:00-11:00 LRC 130 & Zoom Carol Leish Cerebral Palsy Presentation (hosted by Steve Turner)~~ **MOVED TO THURS 11:30 am in ASC 150**

10:00-11:00 – MCE 226 & Zoom- The Gender Spectrum with Celia Daniels (Hosted by Gigi and Mariana)
HYFLEX: In person and on Zoom.

10:00-11:15 – TBA PD event with James Lang

11:30 am-12:45 pm- MCE 226 & Zoom Ariadna Romero Ayala-Herbalism & Indigenous Healing Ways Hosted by Mariana

1:00-2:00 – Zoom – Mindfulness, Creativity, and Identity with Tina Doley Carlson

UNCONFIRMED:

TBA: LRC Lobby – Special performance by the VC Voices

TBA: Zoom- Henry Barajas Graphic Novelist

David mentioned contacting Arsinial Comics to be on Campus and help market the Graphic Novelists

TBA – Zoom – Modern Witchcraft with Griffin Ced

TBA- Mike De La Rocha

Peter waiting for callback

For the on-campus day Thurs, April 10th- Discussion of events:

Main Stage/ Festival Area

Host for the Day: Musical artist, performer, mentor, speaker, published author and philanthropist -Sade Champagne!

8:30-9:00 – Main Stage – Julie Tumamait- Stenslie

9:00-9:45 – Main Stage – Gospel Group (?)

Need confirmation from Oscar

NOT CONFIRMED 9:00-2:00 – LRC East Entrance – Ceramics Sale & Demonstrations

10:00-10:45 – Main Stage– Danza Azteca Xochipili

11:00-11:45 – Main Stage –Los So-Lows (?)

Need confirmation from Fernando

12:00-12:45 – Main Stage – Ventura College Jazz Ensemble

12:45 – Main Stage – Announcement of Art Contest winner

The VC Art Department will announce the art contest winner for the 2026 Diversity in Culture festival. The artwork will be featured on the poster for next year's event

1:00-2:30- Main Stage- Poetry Slam

VC students will deliver their own poetry in a poetic competition for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes, sponsored by the ASVC. This year's theme is "Legacy: The Stories We Leave Behind"

2:30-3:30 – Main Stage –World Dance Groups

KEYNOTE:

10:00-11:15 – ASC 150 – Reyna Grande- The Distance Between Us

Webinar Registration: TBA

David mentioned whether books will be sold at events with authors.

Classroom Presentations

TBA- Festival Village_ Christina Tran Cartoonist

TBA- Lalo Alcaraz- cartoonist

TBA_Gustavo Arellano- OC social commentary writer

TBA- TBA- Gilbert Hernandez-Author of Love and Rockets

10:00-11:15 LRC- Dr. Kerry Magro- Autism Spectrum (moderated by Steve Turner)

(NEEDS CONFIRMATION)

10:00-11:15- MCE 226 - Yaminah Legohn

11:30-12:30-MCE 226-History of the Viking Culture with Jaan Calderon

11:30-12:45- ASC 150-Carol Leish- Cerebral Palsy Presentation (hosted by Steve Turner)

10:00-11:00 AND 11:30-12:30 – MCW 216– Irish Culture and Music with Dennis Doyle (hosted by Robert Porter)

~~11:00-12:00-LRC-Student Panel hosted by Steve Turner with presentation by Sandy Alhassbani~~ **MOVED TO WED 9:00 am**

Participation from **Career Center** (Raquel de los Santos):

- Panel on Diversity (DEI) in the workplace with companies that have strong diversity and inclusion programs (NBC Universal, etc.)
- Tabling to showcase career paths in industries that benefit from cultural diversity (bi-/multi-lingual, global companies, etc.)
- Workshop on Cultural Capital and how to tell your story using cultural capital
- Highlighting alumni that are currently employers especially as we celebrate our 100th anniversary (possible mentorship opportunities)
- Highlighting internship programs (HACU, CAPS, California Hispanic Chamber internship program, etc.)

Additional Items:

Photo Booth at festival (tentative)

Anthology publication (\$1200- maybe covered by ASVC?) (Fernando)

Shadowing from Jill Hawkins (District Consultant for Event Planning)

Budget \$30K + possible collaboration from VC Foundation

Outreach

Upcoming meetings:

- March 12
- March 19
- April 2