

VC Diversity in Culture Planning  
Jan 22, 2025 -1:00 pm – Minutes and Notes

Agenda

- Welcome – attendees:
- 2025 Diversity in Culture festival
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - Virtual and On-Campus

- Events

**For the hyflex/virtual day Wed, April 9<sup>th</sup>/Discussion of events:**

Author **Reyna Grande** -The Distance Between Us (Immigration and Undocumented Children) (\$7600- paid by Grant) (Gigi and Oscar)

Need to confirm time: 10:00-11:15 am OR 11:30 am -12:45 pm (10:00 am seems preferred)

**For the on-campus day Thurs, April 10<sup>th</sup>/ Discussion of events:**

-**Mike De la Rocha** (Rubisela)

-**Gospel Group** (Oscar) IN person event, connecting with Ashley in Music Dept.

- **Sade Champagne** –host for stage events (\$1100) (Gigi)

-**Los So-Lows** (local band from Oxnard) (\$2000) (Fernando)

-**Poetry Slam** with local poets showcased/ workshops (\$2500) (Fernando)

-Possible theme with 100 anniversary of VC

-Planning of workshops for March

-**Photo Booth** at festival (\$400)

-**Anthology publication** (\$1200) (Fernando)

-Participation from **Career Center**

**Ideas sent from 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.)

**-ASVC clubs** (Gigi/Jessica)

Gigi will attend Feb ICC meeting

Jessica mentioned in the meeting including world dance group event, 4/5 acts All dance oriented groups, hour and 15 minutes. Folklorico, Chinese dance, Hawaiian, Indian dance. Requested stage performance- mid morning. ASVC will cover event.

Students want it to be fun and entertaining!

ASVC will sponsor Poetry Slam prizes.

March 4 is Women's History Month will have a lot of vendors and we can increase the vendors and food trucks at the event.

**-Student Panel** hosted by Steve Turner

Steve's student, Sandy Alhassbani from Syria "The Misunderstanding of Islam and Arab culture" could be Lyre musician on stage but also a Zoom.

Neurodiversity and Ableism will be a part of the event.

Cerebral Palsy presentation- Wed Zoom event/ Steve class (Carol Leish)

**-The Hernandez Brothers-** Mario, Gilbert, and Jaime Hernandez- *Love and Rockets* authors, originally from Oxnard (David) PBS

documentary: <https://www.pbssocal.org/shows/artbound/love-rockets>)

Perhaps in person and bringing in Arsenal Comics

Mariana mentioned art dept and any exhibits during festival time. Maybe a pop-up student art showing.

Peter mentioned Lucy Bellwood "Coffee and Cartoons" How to draw cartoons as a workshop. ANTH V02 Thurs 10:00 am will host this event.

U.S. Forest Service ranger- educational opportunities

Discussion on challenges of using Guthrie Hall and trying to book ASC rooms. Oscar can look into the room availability.

• Additional Items:

- Shadowing from Jill Hawkins (District Consultant for Event Planning)
- Budget \$30K + possible collab from VC Foundation; and PD
- Outreach
- Marketing
  - Begin with Student Art Contest

- Obtain Poetry Slam Workshop dates
- Reaching out for ASL interpreters to LIFESIGNS

- Spring 2025 meetings (all on Zoom)

- Feb 12
- Feb 26
- March 12
- March 19
- April 2