

VC Diversity in Culture Planning  
Feb 12, 2025 -1:00 pm –Minutes

- Attendees: David Carlander, Oscar Rivera, Peter Sezzi, Steve Turner, Mariana Branda, Gigi Fiumerodo
- 2025 Diversity in Culture festival
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2025- Virtual and On-Campus
  - Student Art Contest Posters out
  - Find our agendas and meeting notes here:  
<https://www.venturacollege.edu/committees/professional-development/diversity-in-culture-taskforce>

- Events

Poetry Slam Workshops on Zoom:

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

**For the hyflex/virtual day Wed, April 9<sup>th</sup>/Discussion of events (UPDATED AT MEETING):**

10:00-11:15 am-**Reyna** Grande (will set up Webinar with Q and A; will check for recording)

11:30 am-12:45 pm- **Ariadna Romero Ayala**-Herbalism Presentation (Mariana's class- will be in Gigi's MCE 226 HyFlex)

Additional Scheduling:

**Kerry Magro**- Autism Spectrum Presentation (Steve Turner's class 11:30 am )

**Tina Carlson**- Mindful Meditation (TBA)

**Griffin Ced** (tentative)- Modern Witchcraft (TBA)

**Celia Daniels-** Gender Spectrum (maybe Gigi's class Wed April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with Mariana's class)

**Henry Barajas-** Graphic Comics Zoom (TBA)

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

**Stage: NEED to finalize schedule**

**Sade Champagne- Host and Emcee**

**-Julie Tumamait Stenslie** (8:30 am?)

**-Danza Azteca Xochipilli**

**-ASVC World Dance Groups** (Jessica)

**-Jazz Ensemble**

**-Karen Parks and the Gospel Group** (Oscar and Ashley)

**-Los So-Lows** (Fernando)

**-Poetry Slam** (Fernando )

**Classroom Events:**

**Yaminah Legohn** (TBA maybe Gigi's 10:00 am )

**Student Panel/ Sandy Alhassbani** hosted by Steve Turner 11:00 am class

**-The Viking Age with Jaan Calderon** (Gigi 11:30 am class)

**Carol Leish** – Cerebral Palsy Presentation (Steve Turner's 10:00 am class)

**Dennis Doyle Harpist** (maybe Robert Porter's class)

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

**Gilbert Hernandez-** *Love and Rockets* authors, originally from Oxnard (TBA, need class to host))

-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.)

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

Gigi will attend Feb 18<sup>th</sup> ASVC meeting

- 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

Securing ASC classrooms for 10:00 am and 11:30 am for Thurs, 4/10

- Spring 2025 meetings (all on Zoom)
  - Feb 26
  - March 12
  - March 19
  - April 2