

Dear Colleague,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write the following letter to both inform and invite you to participate in celebrating the diversity of our campus community and at the same time help us reach our goals for equity. As you may well know, SBVC is mandated by the State of California to submit a plan for equity and diversity on our campus. Our Student Equity Plan is under the purview of the Diversity and Equity Committee, a shared governance committee, comprised of students, staff, faculty and administration. There are goals for this plan and the committee is charged with reassessing this living document as certain goals are met or as they change.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your group has been identified as one that has components that will help us reach our goals on diversity and equity. Our committee has limited financial resources to help you in some of your undertakings in areas that promote the goals of our Student Equity Plan. We invite you to send us requests, \$400 maximum per request, using our standardized request form. Once you finish the enclosed request form, forward it to Mary Beth Barrios, Counselor, ADSS103. The committee will review it and either recommend it for full or partial funding or try to help you find resources elsewhere that may be available to help you in your endeavors.

If you should have any further questions on this process or questions about the plan itself, feel free to contact me or go online at <http://www.valleycollege.edu/Committees/DiversityEquity/index.phpat> and read the materials provided.

Sincerely,

Ed Gomez, Chair
Diversity and Equity Committee