

SBVC Academic Senate Report

Welcome and Recognitions

Welcome to SBVC. We hope your time today on campus has allowed you to learn more about our current events, activities, facilities, and curriculum. I understand you were taken on a tour of the Nursing department. The Nursing program is a great example of curriculum being offered that creates an educational pathway for our students and community that leads to above living wage careers and fills a workforce need.

I want to thank the board for the support provided for our students to attend and compete in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival-Region 8 (includes Arizona, Central and Southern California, Southern Nevada, and Utah). Our campus and students were 1 of 6 selected to perform live out of all 8 regions. This speaks to the caliber of instruction being provided, the commitment of the faculty, staff and administrators to creating opportunities for students to have industry experiences and open pathways for future endeavors and success.



Information to Inform Policy

- The Academic Senate is working closely with the Chancellor on ideas around communication.
 - We want to be able to report to you how the campuses support the strategic goals and plans, but we seek the same connections coming from the board. The conversations have been solution oriented with the intent of improving what we have in place.
- I am investigating the policies on trespassing and how it relates to the police activity on our campus. We are hearing of incidents of the public, community and our students being stopped, harassed, and arrested. In a recent case, the reason for stopping someone was cited as trespassing. We want to be sure to create a safe environment, but not at the expense of causing more harm.

Actions and/or Updates Related to Goals

- **Eliminate Barriers to Student Access and Success**
 - Our Counseling Department hosted Grad Check Fest on February 21, 2023. This was a collaborative effort of many, which brought great success. Students were able to show up without an appointment and complete a Grad Check on the spot. The turn out was great and the areas outside of the Lois Carson Center was filled with energy and excitement throughout the day. I want to give a shout out to the faculty, specifically Erica Begg, Jamie Herrera, and Andrea Hecht for their role in planting the seeds and getting the event started.
 - Our Math Department has received a "SBVC Calculus Pathways" grant for \$100,000.00. This grant addresses equity and completion within the Calculus sequence. Faculty member, Anthony Castro is the PI/Lead on this grant.

- **Be a Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive, and Anti-Racist Institution**
- **Be a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues**
- **Ensure Fiscal Accountability/Stability**

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Noteworthy Accomplishments/Activities



- 3 Million Dollar "Here to Career Grant" received and led by CSUSB. CSUSB is collaborating with SBVC and Norco College. Our Art Faculty member, Mandi Batalo, is the lead faculty for the collaboration with our campus. The grant supports students in the humanities to succeed academically and in careers. The grant will also help develop a studio incubator, where students from various disciplines and departments will work together on different projects.
- Arrowhead News is up and running again here at SBVC. Our English faculty, Edward Shea, is leading that by way of the English curriculum.

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