

SBVC College Council Minutes

Date: March 26, 2025

Location: Presidents Conference Room, ADSS 207

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Gilbert Contreras, SBVC President, Chair, Ernest Guillen, CSEA President, **Andrea Hecht, Academic Senate President-A**, Co-Chair, **John Feist, Classified Senate President-A**, **Dyami Ruiz-Martinez ASG President-A**, Thomas Berry, Jeffery Demsky, CTA President, Uvaldo (Aldo) Sifuentes-, Leticia Hector, Marco Cota, **Keith Bacon-A**, **Rania Hamdy-A**, **Danielle Graham-A**, Bethany Tasaka, **Yvonne Gutierrez-A**, Celia Huston, Joanna Oxendine, Vinnie Wu -Proxy for John Feist.

(17) Members

Guest: D. Burns-Peters

Minutes by: Noel Arciero

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and ACTION
Call to Order: 1. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Contreras began the meeting at 1:03 p.m.
Approval of Minutes: 2. March 12, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Contreras called for approval of the minutes from March 12, 2025. The Minutes were approved with the noted corrections.
President Report: 3. Welcome- Dr. Contreras (Information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Contreras welcomed the College Council and extended a special welcome to Vinny, attending as a proxy for John Feist. He outlined key agenda topics, including Council membership, its connection to Task Force recommendations, and the role of participatory governance. He also provided the following campus updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LA Building Farewell Ceremony acknowledged Paul and his team for organizing an intimate farewell, with plans to incorporate the event into promotions for Fall Opening Day 2025. Cesar Chavez Event, led by MEChA students at B1 100, scheduled for 6 PM. Management Team Retreat, A Day-long retreat at EDTC focused on college priorities, team building, and leadership development. Wolverine Weekly Updates: Continues to serve as a platform encouraging staff to share campus updates and highlight the work of the college community.

<div>4. Academic Senate Report – A. Hecht (Information)</div> <div>5. Centennial Plans/College Planning-History Club concept-ALD Committee (Information)</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrea was absent, no update was provided.• Dr. Contreras introduced the topic of Centennial planning, emphasizing the need to organize ideas into a structured plan. The Centennial Celebration for Valley College is being planned as a year-long series of events rather than a single gala. While the official Centennial Gala is scheduled for March 27, 2026, the broader vision includes integrating the celebration into the college’s diversity calendar, overseen by the ALD committee, to ensure a sustained and inclusive recognition of the college’s 100-year legacy throughout the year. Suggestions included using existing archival materials, including old photos, yearbooks, and newspapers. Opening the concept to the College Council to contribute to the planning.• Other key ideas discussed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Partnerships with the City of San Bernardino: Exploring ways to engage alumni within local organizations and propose a Valley College Day on March 26, 2026. Potential plans include renaming Grant Avenue as Wolverine Way and enhancing city branding with banners, pavers, and pedestrian-friendly crosswalks.○ Alumni Engagement: Collecting data on former students through an RSVP system at events and leveraging city and county partnerships to identify Valley College graduates working in various industries.○ Collaborations with Local Museums: The Colton Museum was suggested as a strong partner, with existing faculty and alumni connections. Additionally, board members with museum curation experience could help guide planning efforts.○ Historical Displays on Campus: Creating timeline exhibits in campus buildings, like UCLA’s school
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- histories, and featuring student-created content on construction barriers and temporary displays.
- Event Coordination & Staffing Needs: Recognizing the increase in campus events, there was discussion about hiring an event coordinator to manage logistics and planning.
- Centennial Celebration Concepts included:
 - Hosting lectures featuring influential alumni and community members who can share their experiences and insights.
 - A campaign tracking and branding 100 events throughout the centennial year. Example (100 Events for 100 Years)
 - Creating a historical video project and capturing “100 Memories” by interviewing alumni, faculty, and community members about their experiences at Valley College, to be displayed on video screens across campus.
 - Community Fundraising by encouraging small-scale donations such as (“100 pennies, 100 dimes”) to make participation accessible to students and families.
- A major goal is to secure an official Valley College Day on March 26, 2026, through a proclamation by the City of San Bernardino and the Board of Trustees. This date aligns symbolically with the centennial year (26 in 2026).
- As part of the celebration, discussions include working with the city to implement branding and infrastructure enhancements, such as:
 - Renaming Grant Avenue to Wolverine Way, symbolizing the college’s legacy and school spirit.
 - Street and campus improvements to reflect the centennial, such as commemorative signage, banners, and wayfinding elements.
 - Exploring opportunities for pedestrian-friendly enhancements, like other cities and universities that highlight their alumni through dedicated walkways,

6. College Council Charge and Membership- Council Discussion (Information)

engraved pavers, and street banners featuring notable graduates.

- The council will refine these ideas at the Cabinet meeting to develop a concrete plan before the semester ends, ensuring the celebration moves from discussion to implementation.
- Dr. Contreras began with a discussion on refining the College Council's charge. It was reiterated that this process is collaborative, not a pre-determined decision-making structure. The goal is to create a document that accurately represents the Council's function. Key Updates and Adjustments:
 - The initial draft contained seven charge items; redundancy was identified, and two were removed, leaving five core responsibilities.
 - Language refinements were made to the first page based on verbal and written feedback.
- A paragraph was added to provide context for new members, outlining the Council's role and history.
- Revised Charge Statement and number items from the first draft included:
 - College Council at San Bernardino Valley College serves as the primary recommending body and central participatory governance council, representing all constituencies for inclusive decision-making.
 - Receive and review recommendations from any constituent group, such as a campus committee. Provide the College President with opinions by voting on recommendations to ensure alignment with the college mission, vision and strategic goals.
- The council discussed focused on refining the President's role in receiving and implementing Council recommendations. The revised language clarifies:
 - Recommendations start with participatory

	<p>governance groups and route to College Council for a vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If approved, recommendations move to the College President. ○ The President accepts or rejects recommendations and informs College Council of their decision. ○ Implementation is at the President's discretion, considering factors such as timelines, delegation, and necessary approvals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee finally agreed on the following wording: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "The President accepts or rejects a recommendation and informs College Council of the decision. The implementation, timeline, and routing of approved recommendations will be determined by the College President." • The Council agreed this wording struck the right balance in clarifying the President's role without overemphasizing authority.
Vice President's Reports:	
Accreditation and Student Learning Outcomes – C. Huston/ L. Hector/J. Oxendine	
<p>Education Master Plan/Strategic Planning – J. Oxendine</p> <p>7. Participatory Governance Update- J. Oxendine (Action)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Oxendine reported that the task force is refining governance terms to ensure clarity. • Efforts focus on categorizing committees and determining their roles in participatory governance, operations, or as task forces. • The last meeting led to several key recommendations, which Tatiana Vasquez sent to the Classified Senate, Academic Senate, and Cabinet for review. • These recommendations will be formally discussed and considered for approval at the next meeting.

<p>Program Review – J. Oxendine/D. Graham/B. Tasaka</p> <p>8. Program Review Update- J. Oxendine, D. Graham & B. Tasaka (Information)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Tasaka reported that division rankings have been compiled into categories: budget, classified requests, equipment, facilities, faculty, and technology. • This year’s methodology groups are requested by original ranking instead of re-ranking number ones. • The Program Review Committee is reviewing submissions and will provide feedback. • Discussions continued on faculty prioritization and resource reallocation based on college needs. • A process timeline is expected by the end of the semester.
<p>District and Campus Committee Updates:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Berry shared faculty concerns about Title 5 DEIA requirements and federal investigations, noting discomfort with a submission portal escalating reports to the college level. • Dr. Contreras stated that the State Chancellor’s Office provided guidance, on Title 5 requirements. He also shared that updates from the State can be found on the SALA webpage. • Accreditation policies support DEIA by emphasizing social justice and diverse learning outcomes. • Concerns were raised about UC institutions facing pressure, prompting a discussion on how community colleges can support students transferring to the University of California. • Dr. Contreras will share this concern with Student Services.
<p>Other:</p>	
<p>Adjournment:</p>	
<p>Next College Council Meeting Remaining Academic Year 24-25 Meetings-Bi-Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesday.</p>	<p>-Wednesday, April 23, 2025- HSI & Diversity & Branding -Wednesday, May 14, 2025- SP25 Summary/FA look ahead-C.H -Wednesday, May 28, 2025 (Non-Meeting)</p>