

# SBCCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

## OCTOBER 10, 2024



### **SBVC ACADEMIC SENATE: ANDREA HECHT, SBVC ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT**

#### **OUR ROLE**

The Academic Senate primary purpose is to ensure that faculty have a voice in the governance and decision-making processes of the district, especially on all matters related to curriculum and academic standards. It ensures faculty involvement in decision-making processes, particularly in areas outlined in the "Ten Plus One," a set of guidelines detailed in Title 5.



#### **ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACCESS AND SUCCESS**

Our commitment to 10+1 was recently exemplified by the 3rd Annual "Black 2 School Night" event. This vibrant celebration, organized by the Black Faculty & Staff Association (BFSA), EOPS, Umoja, and B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S, brought our campus community together for an evening of cultural appreciation and connection.

The event's success goes beyond mere entertainment. It directly addresses several of the "10+1" areas, particularly:

- Educational program development (#4): By showcasing and celebrating diverse cultural perspectives, we enrich our educational programs.
- Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success (#5): Events like this help create a welcoming environment that supports student success, especially for underrepresented groups.
- College governance structures, as related to faculty roles (#6): The involvement of faculty-led organizations like BFSA demonstrates the active role faculty play in shaping campus culture and initiatives.
- Policies for faculty professional development activities (#8): Such events provide opportunities for faculty to engage in cultural competency development.

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BFSA's involvement highlights our institution's dedication to ensuring that underrepresented voices are not only heard but also influential in decision-making processes. This aligns with our ongoing efforts to cultivate a campus culture that truly embodies the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

Moving forward, we're committed to translating these ideals into concrete actions that support the Academic Senate's "10+1" responsibilities. "Black 2 School Night" and similar future initiatives serve as a launch pad for this renewed focus on creating an inclusive environment where all students can thrive and succeed, while also empowering faculty to take an active role in shaping our institution's future.

By integrating these events and initiatives with the Academic Senate's core functions, we ensure that our efforts to promote diversity and inclusion are deeply embedded in our academic and professional practices, leading to more comprehensive and effective institutional changes.



### **BE A DIVERSE , EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE , AND ANTI-RACIST INSTITUTION**

Our 8th Annual Horror Film Festival, coordinated by the Arts, Lecture and Diversity department, exemplifies our commitment to the Academic Senate's "10+1" areas of responsibility:

- Curriculum and Educational Program Development (#1, #4): The festival, featuring Tim Burton's work, enriches our curriculum with culturally relevant programming.
- Student Preparation and Success (#5): By engaging students through popular culture, we create accessible pathways for academic discourse.

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- Faculty Roles (#6, #8): The interdisciplinary panel led by Professor Daihim Fouzoni, featuring faculty and Classified Professionals, demonstrates faculty's active role in shaping campus culture and professional development.
- Institutional Planning (#10): This event aligns with our broader institutional goals of fostering a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and anti-racist environment.

The festival's combination of entertainment and academic discussion, exemplified by the "Beetlejuice" screening and subsequent panel, creates a unique platform for exploring diversity, equity, and inclusion themes. This approach not only engages our campus community but also supports critical thinking about media representation. By integrating such initiatives into our academic framework, we reinforce the Academic Senate's core mission while cultivating an environment where diverse perspectives are valued across all aspects of campus life.



### BE A LEADER AND PARTNER IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES

Our upcoming literary event featuring alumnus Alex Espinoza aligns with several of the Academic Senate's 10+1 responsibilities:

- Curriculum (#1): Enhances our literature and cultural studies offerings.
- Educational Program Development (#4): Provides enriching experiences beyond traditional classroom settings.
- Student Preparation and Success (#5): Inspires students through alumni success stories.

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- Faculty Roles (#6): Involves faculty in organizing and leading discussions.
- Professional Development (#8): Offers opportunities for faculty and staff engagement with contemporary literature.
- Institutional Planning (#10): Demonstrates adaptation to modern needs through virtual components.

Organized by Yvette Lee and Ernest Guillen as chairing the discussion, this initiative showcases our commitment to: fostering intellectual discourse, celebrating alumni achievements, addressing regional cultural needs, creating meaningful partnerships, and promoting lifelong learning

By leveraging technology and faculty expertise, we position our institution as a cultural and educational hub, enriching our community while supporting the Academic Senate.



### **ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY/STABILITY**

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