

# SBCCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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### **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**

English Professor Dr. Rangel Zarate presented at the prestigious 2024 Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota (November 20-23). Dr. Zarate's selection as a panelist for the Presidential Featured Session and role as a discussant for a paper session on student socialization and success demonstrates our English Department's leadership in advancing equity in higher education. Through these high-impact sessions, Professor Zarate engaged with leading scholars and brought back innovative strategies to eliminate barriers to student success. Dr. Zarate's participation in these scholarly dialogues will contribute to our understanding of effective practices for creating more accessible and inclusive learning environments, where many students traditionally face academic challenges.



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

Tania Laguna, EOPS/CARE Counselor, demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing our DEI goals by chaperoning students at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) conference. Through her dedicated mentorship, Tania created an inclusive and supportive environment that enabled historically underrepresented students to fully engage in this transformative experience.

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Tania skillfully guided students through sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities, ensuring equitable access to professional development resources. The impact was evident as students connected with diverse industry professionals and peers, gained valuable leadership skills, and envisioned expanded career possibilities. This initiative exemplifies our commitment to fostering inclusive excellence and creating pathways for traditionally underserved student populations to achieve their full potential.



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

History Professor Ed Gomez and MEChA de SBVC Club demonstrated exemplary regional leadership through their annual Holiday Food Drive in honor of Pastor Mack. The initiative's success—generating four carloads of donations that filled five tables at Catholic Charities in San Bernardino—showcases our institution's vital role in addressing food insecurity in our community. This partnership with Catholic Charities strengthens our connections with local organizations while directly supporting vulnerable populations in the San Bernardino region. The meaningful connection made with a current Valley student who works at the charity highlights how our campus community engagement creates ripple effects throughout the region, bridging educational and social service sectors to address critical community needs.



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