

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.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Dr. Peter John Stankas, who served as Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support at the California Community College Chancellor's Office, following his distinguished service as Dean of Science. The Chancellor has noted his significant contributions to our institution. Thank you.



ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACCESS AND SUCCESS

The Academic Senate is also proud to highlight the launch of SALA (Services Advancing Learning for All), our new centralized hub for student support services. SALA embodies SBVC's commitment to creating an inclusive campus environment where every student can access the resources they need to succeed. This one-stop center connects students with vital services including the Dreamers Resource Center, Umoja, and other specialized programs. By streamlining access to support services and creating welcoming spaces for our diverse student population, SALA represents a significant step forward in our mission to ensure all students feel supported, valued, and heard throughout their academic journey.

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

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to President Dr. Contreras for his continued commitment to fostering diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism through his generous support of our book discussion program. His funding of 28 copies of each title, now available at the library reference desk, demonstrates his dedication to making these important resources accessible to our community. We also extend our appreciation to Professor Yvette Lee from the English Department for her dedication in facilitating these valuable book discussions beyond her regular teaching duties, furthering our institution's commitment to meaningful dialogue and understanding.



BE A LEADER AND PARTNER IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES

On February 5th, 2025, San Bernardino Valley College had the distinct privilege of hosting Dr. Christopher Emdin, an internationally renowned educator and the Maxine Greene Chair for Distinguished Contributions to Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. This transformative event, organized by the SBCCD Black Faculty and Staff Association, exemplified our district's commitment to fostering inclusive excellence and innovative educational practices. Dr. Emdin, author of several influential works including "STEM STEAM Make Dream," delivered a powerful message that deeply resonated with our faculty and students. His innovative approach to education, particularly in connecting cultural responsiveness with academic excellence, sparked meaningful discussions across campus.

The Academic Senate commends the valuable contributions of our SBCCD Black Faculty and Staff Association in bringing world-class educational leaders to our campus. Their initiative in organizing this presentation demonstrates the vital role our affinity groups play in enriching our academic community and advancing our institutional commitment to equity and inclusion.

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Moving forward, the Academic Senate looks forward to building upon the momentum generated by Dr. Emdin's visit, incorporating his insights into our ongoing efforts to create more inclusive and effective learning environments at SBVC.



ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY/STABILITY

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