

SBVC ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT

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SBVC ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: ANDREA HECHT

OUR PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Academic Senate serves as the primary voice for faculty in district governance and decision-making processes. Our fundamental responsibility is to ensure meaningful faculty participation in all matters related to curriculum, academic standards, and the educational mission of our institution. We operate under the framework of the "Ten Plus One" guidelines established in Title 5, which defines our areas of primary reliance and consultation.



Be a Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive, and Anti-Racist Institution

Tenure Review Committee

San Bernardino Valley College is proud to recognize the faculty members who have successfully completed the tenure review process. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Tenure Review Committee members and the Vice President of Instruction for their thorough and dedicated service, including evening sessions to ensure the timely recommendation of tenure for the following faculty:

- Samuel Addington, Mathematics, Business, and Computer Technology
 - Anita Arnold, Science
 - Djemoui Bouzidl, Science
 - Carol Damgen, Arts and Humanities
 - Jaime Garcia, Arts and Humanities
 - Nicole Jiminez, Student Services
 - Nicole Lambrou, Science
 - Amy Mills, Arts and Humanities
 - Garry Parker, Applied Technology
 - Mary Rascon, Science
 - Hayley Smalls, Science
 - Wei-Chung Wang, Social Sciences
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Eliminate Barriers to Student Access and Success

STRENGTHENING STUDENT PREPARATION FOR SCIENCE COURSEWORK

Science faculty have identified that many students entering Physics and Chemistry courses lack the foundational math skills needed to succeed: including basic concepts like order of operations and solving simple equations. To help bridge these gaps, Science faculty created supplemental math worksheets to better prepare students before they hit those walls in their coursework. These materials have also been shared with counseling faculty to support more meaningful education planning conversations with students.



Be a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues

I had the opportunity to attend the ISER (Institutional Self-Evaluation Report) forum today, hosted by the Accreditation and Outcomes Committee. I want to take a moment to recognize Jeremiah Gilbert for his facilitation, he has done a wonderful job making this process approachable and faculty-friendly, and that matters more than people realize.

The ISER is deeply important work for our college. This is our faculty's opportunity to demonstrate the depth and quality of what is happening across their departments. This is SBVC's moment to show what we are doing well.

To that end, I would love to see continued and consistent district support as we move through this process. Dedicated time for colleague consultation, clear policies and procedures in a shared resource that faculty and classified professionals can reference, and regular engagement; not just reporting at meetings, but ongoing collaboration and follow-through would go a long way in helping our college put its best foot forward. Accreditation is a team effort, and when we show up consistently for one another, it shows in our work.

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Ensure Fiscal Accountability and Stability

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