

# Sabbatical Proposal for Spring 2019

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## **1) Produce a “Tried and True Teaching Tips and Techniques Handbook” for faculty**

- a. Using successful techniques gathered over the past 20 years from the Teacher’s Exchange Group and the Faculty Academy:
  - i. Identify the best practices
  - ii. Create a “Handbook” which will contain:
    1. Ways to present syllabi
    2. Creating community in the classroom
    3. Icebreakers
    4. First day exercises
    5. Strategies for engaging students
    6. Methods to address equity in the classroom
    7. Creative collaborative techniques
    8. Expanding assessment
    9. Evaluating ourselves
- b. Publish the “Handbook”, making it available on-line through Professional Development and Faculty Academy website as well as hardcopies.
- c. Present Strategies from the “Handbook” Fall 2019 Flex-day.

**Goal: Empower faculty by providing them with the tools to address equity, engagement, retention and success of our students.**

## **2) Research and Identify 5 Community Colleges who have stand-alone Professional Development Teaching and Learning Centers.**

- a. Visit each campus and interview the coordinator to determine
  - i. How they are funded
  - ii. Hours of operations
  - iii. Services rendered
  - iv. Successes and roadblocks
  - v. Assessment of the program
- b. Produce a summary report regarding the most successful strategies and challenges of Teaching and Learning Centers

**Goal: Present my findings to the Professional Development Committee and discuss the efficacy of developing a Teaching and Learning Center here at Ventura College.**

# Ventura County Community College District

## District Vision Statement

The Ventura County Community College District will become the leader in the development of **high quality, innovative educational programs and services**. Keeping in mind that students come first, **we will model best practice in instructional and service delivery**, student access, community involvement, and **accountability**.

## District Mission Statement

Ventura County Community College District provides students, in its diverse community, with access to **comprehensive quality educational opportunities that support student learning and student success**.

## “Tried and True Teaching Tips and Techniques Handbook”

This project directly addresses the Mission of VCCCD.

**The Tried and True Teaching Tips and Techniques Handbook** will be a tool for new as well as seasoned faculty to expand their methods of teaching. This resource will provide Faculty with a variety of **“best practices”** that have been gleaned for the past 20 years from dedicated Ventura College faculty who have collaborated with one another either in The Teacher’s Exchange Group 1996-2012 and most recently, the Faculty Academy and Teaching and Learning Cooperative 2014-Present. The dissemination of these techniques will directly impact both faculty and students. All Faculty will have access to a variety of techniques to reach, teach and retain all students. **Student success** will increase as shown by previous data, which indicates that equity gaps begin to close, when these strategies are utilized.

## Teaching and Learning Center

This project directly addresses the Mission of VCCCD.

Researching and visiting and reporting on established and **successful Community College Teaching and Learning Centers** will provide a platform for discussing professional development **“best practices in instruction”** as well as **“comprehensive quality educational opportunities that support student learning and student success.”**

**Thank you so much for your consideration.**