

Imperial Valley College Academic Senate

Adopted Minutes

16 November 2011

I. Call to Order--The meeting was called to order by President Lehtonen at 1:32 p.m.

Present: Eric Lehtonen, Daniel Gilison, Frank Rapp, Glenn Swaidon, Mary Jo Wainwright, Michael Cushner, Frank Miranda, Jill Kitzmiller, Kevin Marty, Dave Drury, Terry Norris, Norma Nunez, Lorraine Mazeroll, Monica Ketchum, Jean Montenegro, Robert Baukholt, Barbara Nilson, Carol Lee, Allyn Leon, Mary Lofgern, Jill Nelipovich, Caroline Bennett, Michael Heumann, Kathy Berry, Kevin White, Danitza Aguirre.

Absent: Craig Blek, Celeste Armenta, Cathy Zazueta.

Visitors: Tina Aguirre, Trinidad Arguelles, Krista Byrd, Alfredo Cuellar, Sheila Dorsey-Freeman, Gaylla Finnell, Eric Jacobson, Victor Jaime, John Lau, Sergio Lopez, Melody McBrayer, Norma Nava, Stella Orfanos-Woo, Valerie Rogers, Taylor Ruhl, Jimmy Sanders, Efrain Silva, Ed Wells, David Zielinski.

II. Visitors' Comments.

Senator Carol Lee informed the Senate that the 2001-2012 IVC catalogue had been posted on the IVC web site.

Senator Lee reported that the Administrative Council had recommended that IVC pursue use of the CLEP exam which is similar to Advanced Placement exams. The Senate conducted a straw poll which found in favor of a similar recommendation.

III. Consent Agenda

M/S/C (Lee/Nilson) to approve the Consent Agenda.

IV. Reports

1. President—Eric Lehtonen guaranteed that he would see to it that the term *Contingent* be changed to the term *Part-Time* on all future IVC Academic Senate agendas. President Lehtonen informed the Senate that he and Senator Mary Lofgren had attended the California Community College Academic Senate Plenary Session in San Diego on the weekend of 4 November 2011 through 6 November 2011. He further stated that he would discuss the voting which took place on resolutions at that plenary session during his report on “Information Item 5: Plenary Report.”
2. Past President--There was no Past President report.
3. Treasurer—Jill Nelipovich reported that the IVC Academic Senate balance stood at \$4,635.03. Monies had been spent for travel expenses for President Lehtonen and Senator Lofgren to attend the recent California Community College Academic Senate Plenary Session and on expenses for the recent IVC Academic Senate Retreat. Treasurer Nelipovich further requested that any paperwork for any requests for Senate monies be submitted to her in a timely fashion.
4. Associated Student Government—There was no Associated Student Government Report.
5. Part-Time Faculty—Senator Jean Montenegro reported that part-time faculty were required to pay \$5.00 for flu shots which are free for full-time faculty. Sergio Lopez explained that the flu shots are free only to the first 120 full-time employees who receive them. Victor Jaime further explained that the flu shots are free only to IVCBA members.
6. Curriculum Committee—There was no Curriculum Committee report.
7. Other Committees—There were no other committee reports.

V. Action Items

1. M/S/C (Nilson/Lee) to approve the proposed Academic Calendars for 2013-2014, for good and poor economic times, as corrected.

VI. Information

1. President Lehtonen announced the appointment of Frances Beope and Dr. Jim Fisher to the IVC President Screening Committee.
2. Secretary Frank Rapp reported the following survey results:
On the question of IVC reverting back to MWF class scheduling—37.0% “Yes,” 55.6% “No,” 7.4% “Not Sure.”
On the question of IVC having a campus hour—57.4% “Yes,” 29.6% “No,” 13.0% “Not Sure.”
On the question of IVC having a final exam block schedule—55.6% “Yes,” 37.0% “No,” 7.4% “Not Sure.”
On the question of IVC not having Spring Break—18.5% “Yes,” 70.4% “No,” 11.1% “Not Sure.”
President Lehtonen stated that he will begin the process of working on the Senate’s recommendation that IVC have a campus hour and a final exam block schedule.
3. President Lehtonen announced the opening for a College Council faculty representative. He requested that anyone wishing to fill this vacancy communicate so to him no later than 1:30 p.m. on 23 November 2011. Vice-President Daniel Gilison further stated that there are vacancies for two alternate faculty positions on the College Council.
4. Jimmy Sanders presented the Senate with schematics showing the possible student desk alternatives in IVC classrooms. John Lau stated that the schematics were being presented as information items only at this time. He further stated his belief that the college would be best served through the formation of a task force of informed stake holders to arrive at the most sensible decisions possible in the time available for making said decisions.
Jimmy Sanders further provided the Senate with a slide show of visual representations of the upcoming remodeling of IVC classroom buildings and of the scheduled construction of new IVC buildings.

John Lau requested that the senators present inform community members that IVC intends to have 70% of the upcoming remodeling and construction work done by local contractors and local construction workers.

5. Senator Lofgren distributed copies of the document entitled "Refocusing California Community Colleges: Toward Student Success: Draft Recommendations" which she received at the recent California Community College Plenary Session. She urged all senators to read the document as it would have important consequences for the future of California community colleges in general and for Imperial Valley College specifically.

President Lehtonen stated that he had voted on a number of the resolutions at the Plenary Session, following the wishes of the IVC Senate. He further stated that he would send an e-mail detailing the voting on resolutions at the Plenary Session.

VII. Discussion

1. Senator Lorraine Mazeroll referred the senators present to an e-mail which President Lehtonen had sent presenting the honors program at Mesa College as an example for consideration for an honors program at IVC. She further stated that the Ad Hoc Honors Program Committee had set a deadline of December for generating proposals for an IVC Honors Program. Senator Lee stated that she will submit concerns about an honors program to the ad hoc committee.
2. Vice-President Gilison reviewed the four major points regarding the study of the IVC administrative reorganization: There have been severe decreases in IVC reserves; the Senate's recommendation will be only one of the recommendations to the board; all suggestions for reorganization are focused on positions and are not in any way personal; all proposals are made with the best interest of IVC in mind. Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee Chairwoman Krista Byrd presented three separate proposals for reorganization of the IVC administration for the Senate's consideration.

VIII. *"For the Good of the Order"*—No suggestions for improvement nor identification of achievements were made or discussed.

IX. Adjournment—President Lehtonen adjourned the meeting at 3:03p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the IVC Academic Senate shall take place on 7 December 2011 at 1:30p.m. in the Board Room.