

Imperial Valley College Academic Senate

Adopted Minutes

21 March 2012

I. Call to Order--The meeting was called to order by President Lehtonen at 1:31 p.m.

Present: Eric Lehtonen, Daniel Gilison, Frank Rapp, David Zielinski, Mary Jo Wainwright, Craig Blek, Jill Kitzmiller, Russell Lavery, Dave Drury, Cathy Zazueta, Terry Norris, Lorraine Mazeroll, Jean Montenegro, Mike Palacio, Robert Baukholt, Carol Lee, Allyn Leon, Mary Lofgren, Caroline Bennett, Michael Heumann, Kevin White, Kathy Berry, Danitza Aguirre.

Absent: Michael Cushner, Frank Miranda, Celeste Armenta.

Excused: Norma Nunez, Barbara Nilson, Jill Nelipovich.

Visitors: Tina Aguirre, Gordon Bailey, Krista Byrd, Alfredo Cuellar, Sheila Dorsey-Freeman, Jeff Enz, Eric Jacobson, Victor Jaime, Jan Magno, Brian McNeece, Silvia Murray, Bruce Seivertson, Lisa Solomon.

II. Visitors' Comments.

Bruce Seivertson distributed several articles on the value of civility for public entities such as the Academic Senate and an article with details concerning the Imperial Valley College Academic Senate's resolutions regarding civility and the Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees. Professor Seivertson spoke to the Senate about the importance of maintaining such civility in its meetings and in its interactions with others in the IVC college community and the community in general.

III. Consent Agenda

M/S/C (Leon/Heumann) to approve the consent agenda.

IV. Reports

President—President Eric Lehtonen reported that the resolutions which the Senate had passed during the meetings of 29 February 2012 and 7 March 2012 had been placed on the IVC Board of Trustees agenda for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Past-President—There was no past-President report.

Treasurer—Vice-president Daniel Gilison, speaking on behalf of treasurer Jill Nelipovich, reported that the Senate balance stood at \$3,678.43. He further stated that there were anticipated Senate expenses approximating \$1,000.00 for travel to and other relevant costs for the upcoming California Community College Academic Senate plenary session.

Associated Student Government—Ex-officio Senator Danitza Aguirre reported that the IVC Associated Student Government members were preparing to conduct elections for next year's Associated Student Government President and Assembly members.

Part-Time—Part-Time Senate representative Jean Montenegro asked that the minutes of 7 March 2012 accurately reflect that she had stated that she would be leaving that meeting early to staff the Imperial Valley College booth at the Imperial County Midwinter Fair.

Curriculum—Senator Carol Lee reported that the Curriculum Committee had met on 1 March 2012 to conduct regular business, including but not limited to Toni Pfister's report that Student Learning Outcome cycle assessment deadlines were approaching. She further reported that the Curriculum Committee met on 15 March 2012 and had conducted regular business.

Continuous Accreditation Readiness Team—Dean of Arts and Letters Brian McNeece reported that the CART Committee had submitted substantive changes proposals for new programs back through 2007. He also requested that the listing of committees in the Academic Senate Constitution and By-Laws be edited so that the standards which reflect the appropriate shared governance policies are reflected before each committee's mission statement.

Other—Vice-President for Academics Kathy Berry reported that an ad hoc committee headed by Instructional Dean for Economic and Workforce Development Efrain Silva had been formed to explore the possibility of IVC holding a summer enrichment program for K through 12 students. She further stated that the committee would meet Friday, 22 March 2012 at 2:00p.m.

III. Action Items

1. M/S/C (Rapp/Lavery) to reschedule the Academic Senate Scholarship Fund raiser from 4 May 2102 to 11 May 2012 in order to avoid conflicts with other scheduled events.

Senator Russell Lavery inquired what scheduled events were in conflict with the 4 May 2012 date. Secretary Frank Rapp stated that the most significant scheduled event for that date was the Associated Student Government Awards banquet.

VI. Information items

1. Area D Meeting—President Lehtonen reported that the Area D meeting would be held at San Diego Miramar Community College on 31 March 2012 from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. He further encouraged other IVC Academic Senators to attend the meeting; Senators Mary Lofgren, Daniel Gilison, Jill Kitzmiller, and Cathy Zazueta volunteered to attend with President Lehtonen.
2. Academic Senate Elections—Secretary Rapp reported that elections for IVC Academic Senate President and three At-large Senators to the Senate had been announced and would be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012. He further reported that the vote on proposed changes to the “Academic Senate for Imperial Valley College Constitution and By-Laws” and a “Proposition A” to allow necessary changes to the Senate make up following division reorganizations had been scheduled for the same date, time, and place. He also informed the Senate that the election of two Part-Time Representatives to the IVC Senate would be held the week of Wednesday 28 March 2012 through Tuesday, 3 April 2012.
3. Rafael Santos Award—Secretary Rapp reported that he had received one nomination for the Rafael Santos Award for Teaching Excellence and that he would remind the IVC faculty that nominations would close on Saturday, 31 March 2012.

VII. Information Items

1. Honors Committee—President Lehtonen thanked Senator Lee for her dedication and effort in helping to create an honors program at IVC. He further reported that he shall be working with Dean of Enrollment Services Jan Magno on this matter with the intent to initiate the program for the 2012-2013 academic year. He presented the Senate with a list of course proposed for the program and stated that the list reflected efforts to meet the breadth of IGETC and TAG agreements. Discussion regarding suggestions for appropriate courses for the program ensued.
2. Final Block Schedule—Vice-President Gilison presented data which reflected other California community college districts’ final exam block schedules with particular reference to the number of weeks each district had in a regularly scheduled semester.

3. Proposed Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT)—President Lehtonen stated that this discussion item was to be lead by Vice-President for Business Services John Lau who could not be present at this meeting of the Senate. Professor Eric Jacobson, speaking as a member of the Budget and Planning Committee, encouraged all Senators to read the proposal so that they could be properly informed of what was being posited, particularly the intent to hire financial consultants to assist Imperial Valley College in finding the best solutions to its fiscal crisis. Discussion ensued.
4. IVC Budget—President Lehtonen informed the Senate that he was pulling this item from the agenda.
5. IVC Summer School—President Lehtonen informed the Senate that this item had been pulled from the agenda at the request of the Senator who had suggested it as an agenda item. Discussion ensued nonetheless.

“For the Good of the Order”

Vice-President Gilison informed the Senate that he had taken part in an extremely successful Frank Wright Middle School Science Fair at which over twenty IVC students had volunteered. He further stated that the event stimulated great interest and involvement in the sciences on the part of the Frank Wright students.

Dean McNeece reported that he had witnessed extremely effective and scholarly instruction during recent faculty evaluations which he had conducted.

Secretary Rapp stated that he had attended the recent performance of *Forever Plaid* at the Southwest High School Performing Arts Center and that the event was very entertaining and had raised a significant amount of money for scholarships for students entering the Imperial Valley University Project.

Vice-President for Academic Services Berry reported that she had attended a recent energy summit at the Barbara Worth Resort at which alternative energy sources were discussed, including the possibility of brown algae as an energy source, which would be of particular importance to the economy of the Imperial Valley as it is a prime location for the development of this alternative energy source.

V. Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 2:53p.m. by President Lehtonen. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the IVC Academic Senate shall take place on 4 April 2012 at 1:30p.m. in the Board Room.