



**ADOPTED MINUTES**  
**Facilities & Environmental, Health and Safety Committee**  
*Special Meeting*

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**  
**Location: Student Affairs Conference Room**  
**Time: 12:50 p.m.**

<p><b><u>PRESENT MEMBERS:</u></b>          Victor C. Torres, Chair          Rick Webster, Vice Chair          Dr. Lennor Johnson          Oscar Hernandez          Myriam Fletes          Steve Holt          Rick Macken          Rick Webster          Ellena Garcia, ASG Representative</p>	<p><b><u>NOT PRESENT:</u></b>          Cristal Mora, <i>Excused</i>          Carol Cortés-Ramirez          Genaro Ayala, Alternate          Bill Gay          Becky Green          Aaron Equihua, Alternate, <i>Excused</i></p> <p align="right"><b><u>Recording Secretary:</u></b>          Saria Cardoza</p>
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**VISITORS:** Mr. David Drury, *Dean of Math & Sciences*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dean Torres called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Imperial Valley College Facilities & Environmental, Health and Safety Committee to order at 12:56 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*M/S/C Webster/Hernandez to approve the agenda as presented.*

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Enhanced Budget Report 2018-2019 Facilities**

Dean Torres presented the spreadsheet that Dean Silva provided at the last FEHSC regularly scheduled committee meeting. The spreadsheet was emailed to all the committee members on Friday, February 23, 2018 and had time to review the items. Member Webster volunteered to research the cost on every line item as he felt at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting that the cost submitted by Athletics were incorrect.

- **Resurface the Women’s Soccer Field.** The justification provided by the Athletics Department states, “To improve quality of practice and game performance of student athletes by making the play surface safer.” **Original Cost: \$35,000**

Committee members discussed the original cost submitted by Athletics. Member Webster stated that the cost to resurface the women’s soccer field is much higher than \$35,000. Dean Drury was present to answer questions. Dean Drury stated that the cost

was only for sod and not labor. Member Webster stated that the improved seed but require more attention and he does not have the manpower to upkeep the fields. The women's soccer field is currently unplayable as you can feel the clumps of grass when running on the field. A possible solution to install artificial turf was discussed and the cost can be more than \$300,000.

Dean Torres stated that at least one field should be usable. The women's soccer team currently have to use soccer fields at the local high schools to hold their games as their field is not adequate.

*M/S/C Johnson/Holt to recommend the resurfacing of the women's soccer field with the increase from \$35,000 to \$45,000 as labor cost was not taken into consideration.*

***DISCUSSION:** The committee agreed that this item remains a high priority.*

- **Replace the Tennis Courts.** The justification provided by the Athletics Department states, "The courts have been banned by the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference for athletic competition. They are deemed as unfit for athletic competition." **Original Cost: \$500,000**

Member Webster stated that the cost of \$500,000 is not the actual figure. Concrete courts can cost approximately \$645,000. Asphalt does not last in the valley and the maintenance cost every three years can run approximately \$18k to \$20k. Concrete seems to be a better option however, the cost will increase to an additional \$145,000. Member Webster stated that the subsurface of the current tennis courts is breaking apart. According to Dean Drury this item has been pushed back for several years now. The courts are not adequate to hold games nor tennis courses. The Tennis team also depend on our local high schools to use their courts for competition. IVC has had to hire an additional athletic trainer. Dean Drury stated that the courts will no longer be able to be utilized at all. The courts are now a safety hazard to our students as courses are still being held. Member Macken stated that concrete would be the best as well as worth the cost.

*M/S/C Macken/Hernandez to recommend replacing the tennis courts as well as increasing the original cost from \$500,000 to \$645,000 as the amount provided was from five years ago. **DISCUSSION:** Member Macken stated that this item be identified as a known safety hazard where the college is now at risk. The committee agreed that this item remains a high priority.*

- **Purchase overhangs for the soccer field.** The justification provided by the Athletics Department states, "To improve quality of practice and game performance of student athletes while providing a safe environment." **Original Cost: \$20,000**

The soccer season begins in August where temperatures may easily reach to 110F to 120F which makes it extremely unbearable for our team members to sit with no shade.

The committee agreed this is a disservice to our students.

*M/S/C Webster/Holt to recommend the purchase of overhangs for one soccer field with the cost of \$20,000. **DISCUSSION:** The committee agreed that this item remains a medium priority.*

- **Install Outside Restroom Facilities.** The justification provided by the Athletics Department states, "To improve the quality of practice and game performance of student

athletes by not having to waste time by going all the way to the gym to use the next room facility. It is also a better experience for community members when watching IVC sporting events." **Original Cost: \$150,000**

Member Webster again stated that the cost figure submitted is nowhere near the actual cost for this particular job. Member Webster stated the County didn't approve the septic tank back in 2007 and doesn't foresee that been approved now. Sewer will need to be put in increasing the cost to easily \$500,000 to \$800,000.

Players and coaches are often seen changing in their vehicles. The closest restrooms are the ones by the swimming pool area. Dean Drury stated that not having restroom facilities nearby is now considered a health hazard.

Member Macken stated feeling uneasy approving this particular request when the committee does not know what the cost would be for this project. The committee agreed that the lack of restrooms is also a disservice to our students and our guest utilizing the fields.

*M/S/C Macken/Holt to recommend the install of outside restroom facilities pending the receipt of a comprehensive quote displaying the actual cost for the entire project.*

**DISCUSSION:** *The committee agreed that this item remains a medium priority.*

- **Install lights on the 4 Athletic Fields.** The justification provided by the Athletics Department states, "To improve quality of practice and game performance of student athletes in a safe environment. The outside teams currently practice in triple digits of temperature in August and September. This will improve student success."  
**Original Cost: \$800,000**

Member Webster placed a phone call to Musco Lighting Company and unfortunately, due to the limited time Musco was not able to come out and check the fields out. The verbal estimate to install all four lights will be closer to a \$1.2 million dollars. A soccer field alone costs \$175,000 to \$200,000 while the baseball and softball fields cost approximately \$400,000 per field.

This item was extensively discussed whether or not this project is feasible. The committee discussed the possibility of doing one or two fields instead of all four. Dean Drury expressed his reasons of why the lights are much needed. More courses will be offered in the evening and this will alleviate the triple digit issues in the mid-day.

Member Fletes asked if there were any grants available to assist with this project. Dean Drury stated that POST (Public Officer and Safety Training) might have grants available but there are hardly any for Athletics in the community college level. Most grants are geared towards junior high and high schools.

*M/S Johnson/Fletes to recommend installing lights in only two fields versus all four.*

**ABSTAIN:** *Webster*

**DISCUSSION:** *A lengthy discussion followed on what field had priority for lighting. Dr. Johnson and Member Fletes pulled their motion.*

***This item dies due to lack of a motion.***

- **Increase Support to Laboratory Classes & Maintenance Agreement.** The justification provided by the Athletics Department states, "There's a lot of equipment needed for our

current Physics & Chemistry classes, and as we expand our Biology & Chemistry programs to create ADTs in both of these fields and increase our course offerings, we will need additional equipment to support these degrees. While the initial purchase would be a one-time cost, maintenance & replacement of broken equipment would be recurring. Specifically, an NMR machine is needed for Organic Chemistry II (CHEM 206) to comply with lab experiments that are needed to be done based on the state's C-ID Course Outline of Record. The cheapest NMR machine would be approximately \$38,500.

Purchasing more lab equipment will help us perform experiments in labs that will benefit the students." **Original Cost: \$45,500**

This item was a low priority on the list. The committee discussed whether or not the NMR machine was absolutely necessary. According to Dean Drury the machine is not necessary as other community colleges do not have a similar machine. The Sciences Department have PPIS funding that can be utilized to purchase this machine.

*M/S/C Webster/Macken to deny both the purchase of the NMR machine as well as the maintenance agreement. There was no discussion.*

**V. ADJOURNMENT: M/S/C Hernandez/Holt to adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place Thursday, March 22, 2018