## IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE COUNCIL

### **MINUTES**

# **MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007**

College Council Chair, John Abarca, called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M.

Council members in attendance were as follows:

Kathy Berry, Administrative Representative Robin Ying, Administrative Representative Sergio Lopez, Alternate Administrative Representative

Michael Heumann, Faculty Representative Michelle Stevens, Faculty Representative Dennis Carnes, Alternate Faculty Representative

John Abarca, Classified Staff Representative (Vice Chair) Frances Arce-Gomez, Classified Representative Carol C. Ramirez, Classified Staff Representative

Carlos Fletes, Alternate CMCA Representative

Frank Fernandez, Student Representative Sunni Pyron, Student Representative David Lopez, Student Representative

Gene Hill, Ex Officio

Recording Secretary: Vikki Carr

Council members not in attendance were as follows:

Efrain Silva, Administrative Representative Patti Biley, Faculty Representative Patty Robles, Alternate Classified Representative Rick Webster, CMCA Representative Mirella Cobarruvia, Alternate Student Representative Paul Pai, Ex Officio

Others present were:

Marilyn Boyle; Travis Gregory; Bill Gay; Ted Ceasar

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/C Michael Heumann/Dr. Michelle Stevens to approve the minutes dated March 12, 2007. Motion carried.

# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tabled due to Dr. Pai being out of the office on business.

# AREA REPORTS/UPDATES

### INSTRUCTION/ACADEMIC SERVICES

Tabled due to Gary Rodgers being out of the office.

### **ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

Tabled due to Gary Rodgers being out of the office.

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Dick Fragale reported the following:

- The Board approved the contract for Parking Lot Improvement Project, Phase II.
  The contract was awarded to Granite Construction in the amount of
  \$3,234,820.00. He stated that \$700,000 of that contract was for underground
  utilities for the Science Building.
- Renovations are underway to the gym and dance floors.

### STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Victor Jaime was not present but provided a report that was attached to the agenda.

# **ACCESO**

Michael Heumann reported the following:

- 7 mini technology grants in the amount of about \$3,000 each were awarded to faculty members. The ACCESO team is happy with the outcome.
- ACCESO is accepting Technology Camp applications for faculty members. The Tech Camp will take place August 14-16, with two additional days in the fall semester.

# **TITLE V COOPERATIVE GRANT**

Tabled due to Dr. Lianna Zhao being out of the office.

## **LEARNING SERVICES**

Dr. Robin Ying reported the following:

- The first two weeks of the conversion have gone well. Last minute testing was done for new programs that were needed due to the conversion.
- There is a current need for a wider bandwidth for the program that tests students.

Sergio Lopez asked if there was a timeline for the upgrade. Dr. Ying stated it needed funding.

Dr. Dennis Carnes stated that he would advise that the bandwidth be corrected instead of restricting the use of the Internet Café. He stated that his opinion was that staff should be open to students instead of being judgmental towards them. Dr. Ying agreed and stated that currently the Casbah access has been minimized to alleviate part of the problem.

Dick Fragale stated that the appropriate fix will be done using Bond modernization monies and has received an estimate from Dr. Ying for a request of \$1 million.

### ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Frank Fernandez reported the following:

 He announced that the ASG and a few student clubs are helping Ted Ceasar with Disability Awareness Day to be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Dr. Michelle Stevens stated that the disabled students do the recycling around campus and asked that others thank the students when they see them around campus.

# MINUTES FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

- 1. Academic Senate, March 7, 2007
- 2. Planning and Budget Committee, March 7, 2007 (Special Meeting)

## **DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

## Strategic Plan

Bill Gay announced the Strategic Planning Project Mission for 2008-2011. He stated that the process has been modified to incorporate the best aspects of the Visioning process used four years ago while at the same time simplifying the project and ensuring the outcomes are true institutional goals. It will begin with three on-campus meetings in late April; community focus groups will follow in May and a Stakeholders' Summit will be in September. He is seeking volunteers from all campus constituencies to serve on a steering committee that will help coordinate the project.

Dr. Michelle Stevens stated that the process might combine green area and renewable energy discussion for the community. She stated that she along with an SDSU

colleague are writing an awareness grant for that purpose and this community involvement would be a good way to get the message disseminated. Bill Gay stated it was a good idea and asked her if she would serve on the internal steering committee which would meet about three times during this process. He asked for other staff to volunteer on the committee and stated that it would be ideal to have two representatives from each constituency. Chair John Abarca stated that he would announce it to his CSEA members.

### **Environmental Lecture Series**

Dr. Michelle Stevens announced that Diane Lindsay, author of several books on the Anza Borrego/Colorado Desert Ecosystem would be doing the next Environmental Lecture Series on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She stated that the IVC Foundation was sponsoring the event. She stated that on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Preston Arrowweed, a Native American Elder and Author would be speaking on the themed lecture "A Voice in the Desert," and encouraged everyone to attend.

# **ACTION ITEMS**

# **Majors on Diploma**

ASG President Frank Fernandez announced that the ASG is asking for College Council's support in adding the major earned by a student on the diploma. He stated that currently the Associate is indicated along with the honor or distinction. He stated that only 30 students received a distinction last year and it would seem more appropriate to have the major in which the degree was earned.

M/S/C Sergio Lopez/Michael Heumann to endorse the change to the diplomas.

There was discussion as to when this change would take affect, samples of other degrees were shown, and discussion on how the diplomas currently used would be changed to fit the major.

Frank Fernandez stated that this year the major could be added to the diploma and leave out the honor/distinction and go to a bigger diploma next year to fit both the major and distinction.

The motion moved unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C Sergio Lopez/Dr. Michelle Stevens to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

2006-2007 College Council Meeting Schedule at 2:30 P.M. in the Board Room

April 23	
May 14	
June 25	