

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division
Unapproved Minutes
December 3, 2008
Walter Britschgi's Farm

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter Britschgi, Hugh Kissick, William Love, Nancy Wade

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Freddi Abatti, Jose DeSoto, Johnny Esquer, Steven Finnell, Ed Fonda, Ed Hale, Al Kalin, Tommy Mills, Daniel Poloni, Antonio Rivera, Bo Shropshire, Ralph Strahm

GUESTS

Alan Robertson, Erasmo Gonzalez, Ed LaBrucherie, Pete & Eve Mellinger, Robert Slaton, Abdul Mohamed, George Morris, Don Smedley

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Pauley, Steve Burch, David Bradshaw, Lianna Zhao, Ofelia Duarte

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for November 5, 2008 were approved unanimously. **M/S/C W. Love/H. Kissick**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AG. Alumni Association

P. Pauley thanked Mr. & Mrs. Britschgi for hosting the meeting at their home and providing a wonderful and delicious dinner. He stated that the primary objective of this meeting is to start the IVC Alumni Association. A. Mohamed volunteered to co-chair event. He will contact former IVC Ag Students/Alum. P. Pauley's vision is to facilitate same networking avenues for students to develop future professional relationships as 4 year colleges. P. Pauley, S. Burch, D. Bradshaw and W. Love, are working to train and develop future workforce for alums of the program who are now employers. P. Pauley stated that when members are active participants it helps them better prepare students for what they need. Those present added telephone numbers on sign in sheet and a copy will be sent to A. Mohamed.

B. IVC Field Day – 3/13/09

P. Pauley stated that for a number of years this event was well attended and well received , but unfortunately, for whatever reasons, it just died. W. Love has graciously agreed to head this event. W. Love informed everyone that there definitely is interest from the Ag teachers to restart Ag Day at IVC on 3/13/09. He stated that as event gets closer he is going to need help with individual contests. Five events are scheduled. He reiterated that Ag teachers will be there helping and supervising students. Schools outside valley will be invited and hopefully this will work as a recruiting tool for students to attend IVC. He acknowledges that the first year won't be perfect but it will get better. He believes he may encounter problems collecting material for tool identification contest. E. Gonzalez asked if students were familiar with tools that they'll be identifying. He was told that the test will consist of tools that they're familiar with. Discussion followed. W. Love reported that for 2009 they may have two contests, one in March and the other in October or November.

REPORTS

A. Field Preparation Progress

P. Pauley reported 35 acres of wheat were planted after removing 10,000 cubic yards of soil. E. Hale donated the use of his machinery and moved soil to bring field to level. Campus needed soil to finish construction project and P. Pauley proposed that they could take it from the field if they would put the field all in one level instead of the three levels and as long as they did not go below the lowest current existing grade. This would bring N-S- to level, E-low and W-high. P. Pauley stated that the construction crew moved their equipment off without cutting the acre down from the far east end which was the main priority. Spoke with person in charge and was told that they would bring machinery back tomorrow. Discussion followed. The following donors

delivered manure and compost which amounts to 30-40 tons per acre: Brandt Cattle, Orita Cattle, and Phillips Cattle. Helena Chemical Company supplied the labor and equipment to spread and Desert Ranch is going to provide caterpillar to deep subsoil. P. Pauley also stated that soil salinity test was done by S. Burch because drain tile on north east tile was not draining and as a result of this 3 new tile lines were put in at the east half of the north side of the field. He reported that tile lines are working, finished spreading amendments, shanking, discing and planting.

OTHER

P. Pauley reported that we are the recipients of \$30,000 Perkins Federal monies. \$8,000 is allocated for increasing level of technology (lab instruction). P. Pauley met with representative from Torrence Implement to set up GPS equipment valued at \$11,000 and Trimble has agreed to cut cost to \$8,000. \$7,000 is allocated for more conventional implements. The rest (\$15,000) will be spent later.

Community Garden – Ted Johnson from Keithly-Williams sells transplants for vegetables and he has extras that he'll give us.

Inaugural Greenhand Conference – Was held approx. 1 yr. ago for FFA Imperial Section. In attendance were mainly Freshman and a few Sophomore. Second Annual Conference was held approx. one month ago. P. Pauley received positive reports from advisors and parents who were involved.

Counselors Seminar Workshop – Will be hosted by Ag Dept on January 16, 2009. People from industry, Ag industry and governmental Ag agencies will also be invited. This workshop will help counselors become more familiar with the fact that Agriculture is Science, it is technology and not just manual labor. Approximately 35 will be attending. G. Morris asked if information could be given regarding CAPCA (Calif. Assoc. of Pest Control Advisers) Scholarships. No one applied last year. E. Gonzalez stated that there's a program that will match scholarship money to IVC. Discussion followed.

Internships – P. Pauley has been approached by Carbon Capture of Niland and Chemical Co. of Blythe regarding internships.

Next Ag meeting – Back at Meloland but date was changed to January 21, 2009.

Pumpkin Patch – Saturday before Halloween (Oct. 24).

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. **M/S/C S. Burch/N. Wade** Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Meloland Research Station

Cc: Lianna Zhao

*Approved Jan 21, 2009
Recorder: Ofelia Duarte*