

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division
Unapproved Minutes
February 3, 2010
Meloland Research Station

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter Britschgi, Al Kalin, Tommy Mills, Nancy Wade

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Steven Finnell, Ed Fonda, Ed Hale, Hugh Kissick Daniel Poloni, Antonio Rivera, Bo Shropshire, Ralph Strahm

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Pauley, Ofelia Duarte

GUESTS

John Lau, Lianna Zhao, Candace Nelson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for December 2, 2009 were approved unanimously. **M/S/C A. Kalin/N. Wade**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update-Advisory Board Officers - P. Pauley

Not enough members present. Those present approved that item A be moved to next month's agenda.

B. Land Acquisition for Ag Program – J. Lau

Last time J. Lau met with Ag advisory committee they discussed using crop money to acquire land off campus for the Ag program. T. Mills stated that Mrs. Dessert owns land across street from college. Wes Gro Farms is currently farming the land. He feels that if they talk with Mrs. Dessert she might be willing to sell. Land sits on two parcels, (net 45 acres). J. Lau would like to present proposal at next board meeting. Before submitting proposal he recommends that P. Pauley and T. Mills submit a budget breakdown in order to assure the board of their financial ability to make this deal.

C. Program Updates Pertaining to Curriculum Degree Offerings– P. Pauley

Rationale for removal of Ag Business and Ag Science certificates is student can get certificate by taking **all** courses. Before removing certificates P. Pauley will check to make sure that it won't affect VATEA (Perkins) funding. He reviewed and discussed course layout handout. Layout outlines each of the courses offered that are either core requirement or a usable elective one time in a two year period. The idea is that the student can come in at anytime and two years down the road, assuming they passed the courses, will be able to get a two year degree in Ag Science or Ag Business. Discussion followed. P. Pauley asked those present if item meets with their approval he will go ahead and put through as outlined.

D. Planning for Future (near and distant) – P. Pauley

J. Pauley stated this item is in line with J. Lau's presentation.

E. Meeting Time, Day, Frequency – P. Pauley

Currently Advisory board meets 1st Wednesday of the each month at 6:30 p.m. He asked for feedback from the group. Should day, time and frequency be changed in order to increase attendance? Is once a month too frequent? Should a smaller body of officers be established and the rest serve as alternates with voting rights in order to insure a quorum? Wednesday is fine with those present. A. Kalin feels frequency should be decided by agenda items (No items/No meeting).

F. Planting Details – P. Pauley

Wheat was planted. There's a suggestion to put Nitrogen on first water. Regarding weeds, S. Finnell can do the application as a donation. S. Finnell would like to apply on Saturday of the 3-day weekend. P. Pauley is waiting to hear from B. Shropshire for the chemicals. A. Kalin will set up meeting with Rich Wagner from Rockwood Chemical. P. Pauley does not have a contract for wheat. Last conversation he had with Phil he said it was about \$9-9.50.

P. Pauley will try to get on IID's agenda to request water donation. P. Pauley requested printout on what was spent for water for the last two years.

G. 2010 Fair Participation – P. Pauley

Ag club students want to know if they will have a booth at the fair. P. Pauley met with Theresa Garcia, CEO, for authorization to set up Ag booth. Students will meet Friday night to finalize plans and layout. N. Wade volunteered potato chip and apple presentation. A. Kalin suggested sharing Farm Bureau's booth.

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P. Pauley discussed and reviewed handout showing Ag enrollment history. Current enrollment numbers exceed past years. He mentioned that the 3 year commitment for the Ag program is coming up. He also stated that at the time of commitment there weren't any specific criteria established to determine what constitutes success. P. Pauley would like to extend the 3 year commitment to 5 years. J. Lau suggests that P. Pauley meet with K. Berry and L. Zhao to address 5 year plan. P. Pauley needs to include community support and price support in this plan.

J. Lau briefly discussed \$2.5 million deficit this year that needs to be reduced in six months. Based on his personal opinion, he believes that the Ag program can go beyond what's in the general fund due to having third party revenue source. A. Kalin asked if Ag program was totally dependent on crop revenue. J. Lau said "classes are funded through general fund and crop revenue can be used for land acquisition, or other purchases like equipment.

J. Lau gave a brief synopsis on mid-year budget adjustments.

J. Lau excused himself at 7:10 pm. He has a prior commitment.

L. Zhao also excused herself at 7:10. She has a prior commitment....attending Frank Wright Middle School Science night.

A. Kalin wants to know what can be done to increase student enrollment. Increase awareness by contacting service clubs was one suggestion. P. Pauley stated that he will visit Ag teachers like he did his first year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Meloland Research Station.

Cc: Lianna Zhao

*March 3, 2010
Recorder: Ofelia Duarte*