

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division
Unapproved Minutes
April 1, 2009
Meloland Research Station

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter Britschgi, Hugh Kissick, William Love,

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

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Pauley, Steve Burch, David Bradshaw. Ofelia Duarte

GUESTS

Gonzalo Huerta, Kathy Berry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for March 4, 2009 were approved unanimously. **M/S/C H. Kissick/W. Love**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. IVC Field Day – Final Review (W. Love)

W. Love stated that overall IVC Field Day was a success. 65 students attended. Event received positive remarks along with two complaints. 1. Welding team advisors would like to bypass the registration process and go directly to the contest site. 2. Not enough trophies. W. Love recommends purchasing trophies and awards based on pre-registration list for next year. If everyone pre-registers it will give them a more realistic number of trophies and awards to purchase.

P. Pauley was concerned that some students did not take advantage of the workshop offered by the counseling center.

W. Love recommends taking out demonstration contests and adding a farm power machinery contest. Group discussed other contest options.

W. Love stated that he tripped and injured himself in Room 1602. There is a step there that needs to be removed.

Next Field Day will be on Saturday, November 14, 2009. W. Love would like to use two rooms for the Vegetable Crop contest.

One would be used for judging and the other for identification. Question regarding dress code was brought up. W. Love stated

that had the dress code been enforced there would not have been any first place teams. If they attend State Finals and not in

uniform they would be disqualified. Advisors need to take a more active role to ensure that students meet dress code. G. Huerta suggests hosting a professional development workshop for advisors next year. Veteran advisors can conduct the workshop and bring everyone up to par regarding dress code and what to expect when competing at Regional, State and National finals.

Entry fee monies collected, along with Vons and Farm Bureau sponsoring event, kept costs to a minimum.

W. Love suggests using numbers on score cards instead of names for next year.

B. Installation of drip system (P. Pauley)

P. Pauley, Dr. Gould, G. Huerta, K. Berry, and S. Burch met with Alex Jack. Topic of discussion was installation of drip system and installation of solar panels. K. Berry stated that there are plans to build a theatre where the Ag field and classrooms are. This will happen in the next 10-20 years. The college needs \$3.5 million to survive. President is looking into reducing energy consumption. Installing solar panels is an option. College is in the process of submitting 2 RFP's (Request for Proposal) with the district. First company (Solar Monkey) proposes to cover property (walkways,) and second company proposes putting in a solar field. A. Jack proposed integrating solar panels with AG. He suggests putting them around the perimeter of the field and putting trees underneath. Discussion followed. New science bldg will have solar panels. G. Huerta stated that eventually the AG program will need to be moved in order to have lab, shop, classroom and a land lab all in one place. A. Jack offered land for program.

A. Jack suggests getting away from single crop and put multiple crops for students to experience.
G. Huerta feels that we need to purchase Drip Irrigation System this year. P. Pauley and G. Huerta will meet with Sam from Queen Gil this evening or tomorrow morning to get solid quote for drip system. Discussion followed.
K. Berry stated that there's a push in the California Community College System to develop green technology.

REPORTS

A. Preparation for next crop and harvest/residue (P. Pauley)
In preparation for Freedom Fest field needs to be turned under.

OTHER

Campus virus – K. Berry announced that the college had been infected with a virus that affected sending and receiving emails.

Science Expo – G. Huerta invited everyone present to the Science Expo on April 23rd from 9-12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. **M/S/C H. Kissick/W. Love** Motion carried.

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

Cc: Lianna Zhao

*Approved June 3, 2009
Recorder: Ofelia Duarte*