



MINUTES

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE COUNCIL

Monday, February 23, 2009 – 2:30 P.M.
Administration Building Board Room

College Council Chair John Abarca was not present at this meeting, Vice-Chair Michael Heumann called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

Council members in attendance were as follows:

Kathy Berry, Administrative Representative
Efrain Silva, Administrative Representative
Sergio Lopez, Alternate Administrative Representative

Michael Heumann, Faculty Representative (Vice Chair)
Bruce Seivertson, Faculty Representative

Frances Arce-Gomez, Classified Representative
Jessica Waddell, Classified Representative

Chantilee Mendenhall, Student Representative
Dr. Ed Gould, Ex Officio

Recording Secretary: Adriana Sano

Council members not in attendance were as follows:

Robin Ying, Administrative Representative
Armando Mendez, Faculty Representative
Norma Nuñez, Alternate Faculty Representative
John Abarca, Classified Representative (Chair)
Mariam Trejo, Alternate Classified Representative
Carlos Fletes, CMCA Representative
Rick Webster, Alternate CMCA Representative
Itzel Bejarano, Student Representative
Jonathan Balint, Student Representative
Steven Sciaky, Alternate Student Representative
Josasat Trejo, Alternate Student Representative

Others Present:

Marilyn Boyle, Travis Gregory, Frank Rapp, Dawn Chun, Tina Aguirre, John Lau, Gloria Carmona, Gaylla Finnell, Frances Beope

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Associate Student Government President Chantilee Mendenhall announced Reanna Guerrero would be replacing Itzel Bejarano as Student Representative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MONDAY, February 9, 2009

M/S/C Bruce Seivertson/Sergio Lopez to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2009.
Motion carried.

AREA REPORTS/UPDATES

Program Review

Vice President for Academic Services Kathy Berry reported the following:

- Reported that the Education Master Plan/Program Review Committee met last week. She indicated all reviews have been received and the committees are in the evaluation process.
- Announced the committees would meet again on March 6th to review all summaries and priorities. She stated after this has all been accomplished, the Education Master Plan would be written and sent for review to the President, then to College Council, Academic Senate and Strategic and Planning Committee.

Business Services

Vice President for Business Services John Lau arrived late to this meeting and President Gould reported on his behalf the following:

- Dr. Gould reported that John Lau would be late because he was meeting with division chairs to go over their current and proposed budgets. He stated John Lau would be meeting with division chairs this week, and then next week would meet with all other departments.

President's Update

Superintendent/President Gould reported the following:

- Announced that at the February 18th Board Meeting 12 faculty members received recognition for achieving tenure.
- Announced spring courses started this week, FTES enrollment are up 9.5%, and headcount has increased by 1.3%. He stated fill rate is at 88%.
- Presented College Council members with a five minute clip of the Economic Report taken on campus.

Vice-Chair Michael Heumann announced that Bill Gay would be streaming the video of the Economic Report at the Mid-Winter Fair.

MINUTES FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

Minutes from the following committee meetings were received:

1. Academic Senate, 12/3/08
2. Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee , 1/28/09
3. Campus Beautification Committee - None
4. Campus Operations Committee - None
5. Competitive Athletic Committee - None
6. Customer Service Committee - None

7. Environmental Health & Safety Committee - None
8. Financial Assistance/EOPS/Veterans Advisory Committee - (2/20/09)
9. Greening Committee - None
10. Policy & Procedure Committee - None
11. Staff Development Committee - None
12. Student Affairs Committee - None
13. Technology Planning Committee, 12/4/08

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. State Budget Update – Dr. Gould

President Gould reported the State Budget contains the following:

- Eliminates the 0.68% COLA.
- Reduces funding for the state mandate.
- Defers up to \$340 million in state payment to 2009-10 fiscal year (replaces \$245 million deferrals approved in the existing 2008-09 budget; minimizes state borrowing and reduces Prop. 98 guarantee).
- Funds 3% enrollment growth.
- Maintains funding for the Competitive Cal Grant B.
- Places a measure in the May 19th statewide ballot to repay K-12 and Community Colleges \$9.3 billion over seven years beginning in 2011-12.

President Gould stated the District would be working with both unions to discuss the budget. He stated the District's budget, revenues and expenditures are similar to last year's budget with 92% of the District's budget allocated to salaries and benefits. He indicated the District is going to have to be very conservative next year.

President Gould reported that there is good news in the federal stimulus package, and he outlined the benefits to community colleges:

- \$500.00 Pell Grant increases per student for the next two fiscal years.
- \$200 million increase in Work Study. He stated VP for Student Services Jaime and his staff would be working on these programs.
- \$53.6 billion for State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.
- \$39.5 Billion for schools and institutions of higher education according to formula.
- \$8.2 billion may be used for higher education infrastructure. There are no guidelines out yet.
- \$250 million statewide postsecondary and workforce information database.
- On the employment side, there would be funds for Title I Programs for training and employment services, dislocated workers, adult workers, youth programs, and a new competitive grant program which would focus on green jobs. The District would be working with the Work Force Development Board on these programs.
- There is \$40 million in competitive grant funds to community colleges, and another \$40 million for partnership.
- There would be \$500 million for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) which provides support to workers and firms impacted by trade. Funds were increased from \$220 million to \$575 million.
- Advanced Technological Education (NSF) preliminary proposal.

- There is a tax credit which replaces the Hope scholarship credit up to \$2,500.00.
- Renewable energy tax breaks.

Board Update

- Reported that at the Board Retreat on February 7th the Board asked IVC to notify the County that the District would be changing to even year elections. He stated each board member could gain one additional year of service.

Dean Silva stated that the City of El Centro did not get approval to change to an even year election.

President Gould stated that the District may not go to even year elections if El Centro and Calexico do not make the change. He stated the reason for the change would be to save the District money.

- Reported that the Board discussed changing to District Elections, he stated District elections would also be a cost savings to the District; it encourages personal campaigning; it encourages attention to district areas and concerns; it is easier for new candidates to win election; lowers cost of campaigning; enhances descriptive representation and shared policy views and ideology. Dr. Gould also discussed the 2008 Madera Ruling.
- Reported that the District would be looking at credit card usage.
- Announced that the District would be formalizing their request for bids on solar projects.
- Announced that the District would be completing the planning for a potential bond election in 2010 to meet current needs.
- Reported there was discussion about hiring a Grant Consultant.
- Announced that the District would be looking into having an Economic Impact Study completed, he stated IVC has a great impact on our community, and is the engine that drives the Valley.
- Reported the 10 year facilities plan is being vetted on campus.
- Reported Assembly Bill 540 is being challenged in court as conflicting with federal law. The impact on IVC students would be small; around 35 students would be affected. Total FTE students affected would be around 20.

Business Services

Vice President for Business Services John Lau reported the following:

- Announced that the District has received its first principal apportionment in February which was based on the September budget. He stated that the District would receive a revised principal apportionment based on the recently passed budget. He stated that based on a cash flow analysis he would determine if the District would need to go out for another TRANS in the summer.

2. Computer and Network Use Policy - Dr. Ying

This item was tabled to the next meeting due to Dr. Ying not being present.

3. Veteran's Memorial Location Update - Gaylla Finnell

SPA Advisor Gaylla Finnell reported the following:

- Stated that she has not heard from Architect Jimmy Sanders and President Gould as to the location of the Veteran's Memorial, but wanted to let College Council know that the economy has impacted the time frame of the project.
- Reported she works with different organization across the County and stated there has been a 50% drop in donations. She stated her hopes of doing a large project and completing it as soon as possible has been impacted by the economy. She stated her recommendation is that IVC continue with the memorial, but to continue in phases, at a small scale over a period of time until the economy stabilizes.

VP John Lau stated that one thing that needs to be decided is the location of the Veteran's Memorial so that it can be included in the construction.

SPA Advisor Finnell indicated that once the location is determined, the designer can start designing the plan on that location, develop projection costs, and begin discussions about fund raising events. She indicated even though the project would be delayed, the designer can still start planning the different phases.

President Gould indicated that he would meet with Architect Sanders, VP Lau, and Director of Maintenance and Operations Webster to determine the location of the Veteran's Memorial.

4. Solar Energy Project - John Lau

VP Lau reported that he hopes to have a bid proposal for Dr. Gould to look at after he returns from his Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) Conference next week.

President Gould stated he met with two members of the IID Board and both were very supportive, and would be meeting with the other three members to attempt to get their support as well.

VP Lau reported that meetings with the IID are going well. He indicated that IVC would be the first in the Valley to generate over one megawatt of energy. He stated the District's project would be a pilot program for the community.

5. Formula Driven Budget - John Lau

VP Lau stated that the institution needs to attain financial stability and the best way of achieving this is by using a formula driven budget. He stated this year the District used \$3.8 million of reserves to balance the budget. He stated the first goal would be to start a stabilization process to get the District in balance with ongoing revenues. He stated after this has been accomplished then the District could start discussing how a formula driven budget would work for the college, and whether or not to use it. He stated a large player in these discussions would be the District's unions because a large portion of the District costs are in contractual labor. He

indicated this would not be a short term process; this would evolve over the next three to four years.

VP Lau stated any methodology that the District adopts must address these three factors: 1) promotes financial stability; 2) provides a way of doing the allocation of resources in an equitable manner to the needs of the institution; and 3) is equitable to all the bargaining units.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C Bruce Seivertson/Kathy Berry to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

2008-2009 College Council Meeting Schedule at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room

2009	
March 23	May 11
April 27	June 8 & 22*

Meeting Canceled

**Fall Semester Begins

* Summer Session Begins

Overload rate for 177 day members