

UNADOPTED MINUTES

FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, January 6, 2000

Location: IVC Administration Building Board Room
380 East Ira Aten Road, Imperial, CA 92251

Board President Rebecca Ramirez called the special meeting of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 P.M., on Thursday, January 6, 2000.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Rudy Cardenas, Jr.
Claudine Duff
Kelly Keithly
Marian Long
Romualdo Medina
Rebecca Ramirez
Louis Wong

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Gail Parish, Classified Staff

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Dr. Gilbert M. Dominguez, Superintendent/President
John Hunt, Vice President for Academic Services
Carlos Fletes, Interim Vice President for Business Services
Dr. Victor Jaime, Vice President for Student Services
Frank Oswalt, Legal Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT:

Bill Gay; IV Press Reporter John Hinshaw; Channel 11 Reporter Ron Howe; Eileen Ford; Chris Mays; Mike Palacio; James Patterson; Sandra Standiford; Rick Webster.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board President invited members of the public to comment on any agenda item, or any item not on this agenda. The following comment was made:

1. Basketball Coach Jeff Deyo stated that over the years hundreds of young student athletes have gone through our program. Many of the players were from the very worst socio/economic circumstances known to America. Through the efforts of our college, staff, and community many young people were given their fair chance to succeed. The Commission on Athletics and the Pacific Coast Conference has found that IVC is out of compliance with their rules and regulations. Mr. Deyo requested that the Board and Administration find legal, legitimate, creative ways to implement programs to service our student athletes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Felix Rogers, Commissioner, Pacific Coast Conference
(RE: Violation of Article 12, C.O.A. Constitution)

M/S/C Medina/Duff to go into CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: One Case

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: One Case

OPEN SESSION

Board President Rebecca Ramirez announced the follows:

1. IVC will not appeal the Pacific Coast Conference recommendations as outlined in their letter dated December 27, 1999.
2. An investigative panel made up of Rebecca Ramirez, Romualdo Medina and Diana Newton is appointed to investigate and make recommendations about all aspects of Intercollegiate Athletics at IVC. This panel will submit their report to the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting in February. After the Board receives the Investigative Panel's report, the Board will decide what further action will be taken, if any.
3. From this moment on, Imperial Valley College disassociates itself with the Imperial Valley Sports Association, and directs the Superintendent/President to so advise the Sports Association officials. The disassociation will last until receipt of the report from the investigative panel.
4. Legal Counsel Frank Oswalt stated that individual Board members have been urged not to comment on this issue due to the role of certain college personnel that may be involved.

M/S/C Long/Medina to ADJOURN this meeting at 7:28 P.M. - The next regular meeting of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for January 19, 2000, at 6:00 P.M.

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE

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December 27, 1999

Doctor Gilbert Dominguez
President, Imperial Valley College
380 East Aten Road
Imperial, California 92251



Dear Doctor Gilbert Dominguez:

At the request of the Pacific Coast Conference this letter is written to inform Imperial Valley College of the specific violations of Article 12 and other concerns of the Pacific Coast Conference.

After a review by the Conference, the following items were found to be in violation of Article 12 of the C.O.A. Constitution:

1. Subsidizing the Men's Basketball Program by providing 20% of the revenue raised by the sale of advertisements to members of the Men's Basketball Team.
2. In December 1998 during the basketball season, members of the Men's Basketball team were informed that they would not be receiving scholarships. Imperial Valley College, by their report to our Conference on December 15, 1999 indicated that they did not report this violation to the Pacific Coast Conference or investigate who was providing the scholarship funds to their Men's Basketball players.
3. The College was aware of the sports Association's contact with Imperial Valley College Men's Basketball Players. (Article 12.1.2)
4. The College made no effort in writing to disassociate Imperial Valley College from the Sports Association or explain that the Mission Statement and Purposes of their Bylaws were a violation of Article 12.1.
5. The Article of Association of the Imperial Valley Sports Association, Article II states: "That the primary purpose of this association is to provide financial support to student athletes." The mission statement of the association further states, "It is the intent of Imperial Valley Sports Association to help assist students continue their education endeavors while attending Imperial Valley

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College." These funds are not subject to public scrutiny and are not deposited in an appropriate College account.

The Pacific Coast Conference voted unanimously to impose the following penalties:

- That the Imperial Valley College Men's Basketball Program be put on probation for three years, and fulfill all criteria as pronounced in Article 12.6 - 12.6.3.
- That the Men's Basketball Team is ineligible for Pacific Coast Conference Championships and post-Conference competition in the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons.

Note: For purposes of selecting a Pacific Coast Conference Champion in the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons, the contests played by Imperial Valley College will not be recorded in the league standings.

The Conference is very concerned about the relationship of Imperial Valley College and the Sports Association. During the probation period, the Conference will work closely with Imperial Valley College to ensure that the Men's Basketball Program follows the requirements of Article 12. The conference will require a review annually during the probationary period, of the relationships of the College to groups that support Imperial Valley College Athletics.

The relationship of Imperial Valley College and the Pacific Coast Conference has been a positive one for many years. It is unfortunate that these incidents occurred, and with a cooperative spirit by both Imperial Valley College and the Conference, we may look forward to continuing that relationship.

Yours in sport,



Felix Rogers, Commissioner
Pacific Coast Conference

Cc: Dr. Joanne Fortunato, Commissioner on Athletics
John Hunt, Vice-President, Imperial Valley College
Jim Mecate, Athletic Director, Imperial Valley College