

Imperial Valley College Academic Senate
Minutes
Wednesday, 4 December 2019
2:40 PM Board Room

A. Call to Order by the President: at 2:42 p.m.

Roll call by Secretary

Present: Asten Thelen (Vice President), Ric Epps (President-Elect), Craig Blek, Jeff Burt, Gilbert Campos, Steven Cauchon, Jesus Esqueda, Kristen Gomez, Melani Guinn, Joe Henderson, Eric Lehtonen, Daniel Ortiz, James Patterson, Jose Plascencia, Helena Quintana, Ed Scheuerell, Veronica Soto, Jia Sun, Elizabeth Trevino, Margarita Vizcarra, Ed Wells, Michael Heumann (Past President), Christina Tafoya (VP Academic Services), Moises Hernandez (ASG President)

Excused: Mary Lofgren (President)

Absent: Temo Carboni, Diane Harris, Jose Roman, Xochitl Tirado, Cathy Zazueta

Visitors: Henry Covarrubias, Dave Drury, Lennor Johnson, Betsy Lane, Efrain Silva, Mary Jo Wainwright

B. Visitor's Comments

None.

C. President's Report

None.

D. Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$2,110.18. Treasurer Elizabeth Trevino reported that no POs have been received.

E. ASG President's Report

Moises Hernandez reported that several activities are scheduled for students during finals week. Free doughnuts and hot chocolate will be available for students on Monday. Free popcorn will be available on Tuesday. Also on Tuesday, the Humane Society would be on campus with several dogs for pet therapy. Wednesday of finals week would be Club Day with several campus organizations having booths open.

F. Consent Agenda (Lehtonen/Burt/approved)

1. Approval of Academic Senate minutes for 6 November 2019
2. Approval of Academic Senate minutes for 20 November 2019
3. Approval of Curriculum rec. to President from 9 October 2019
4. Approval of Curriculum rec. to President from 13 November 2019
5. Approval of Curriculum rec. to the Board from 13 November 2019

G. Action Items

1. Approval of Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment (Soto/Epps/approved)
2. Approval of Faculty Prioritization by Curriculum Committee (Burt/Quintana/approved 17-4: nay votes from Burt, Esqueda, Gomez, and Lehtonen)

Senator Burt spoke about the Music instructor position. Senator Quintana spoke about the Librarian position. Senator Patterson reminded the senators of Hope Davis' comments about the Music instructor position during the November 20 Senate meeting.

Vice President Tafoya offered her estimate that 8-12 positions will be approved. Senator Wells spoke of the District savings in replacing veteran instructors (high on the salary scale) with new instructors (lower on the salary scale).

Senator Guinn asked about the new/replace designations on the prioritization list. Past President Heumann clarified that this was the first time new and replacement positions have been combined into a single list.

CTA President Wainwright noted that there are six Counselors retiring. Dr. Johnson clarified that only one of the counseling positions is a District Counselor.

Dean Drury reported that a lot of data points were considered by Instructional Council in the initial preparation of the faculty hiring prioritization list approved by the Curriculum Committee.

Senator Melani Guinn noted that the Instructional Council follows a very deliberative process in developing the faculty prioritization list.

Senator Eric Lehtonen spoke against making any changes to the faculty prioritization list recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

CTA President Mary Jo Wainwright reported that the District retirement incentive process was completed early this year, pushed by Human Resources.

H. Discussion

None.

I. Reports

1. Curriculum – none
2. Pathways to Student Success – none

3. Budget & Fiscal Planning – committee has not meet recently
4. Equivalency – none
5. Outcomes & Assessment – none
6. Distance Education – none
7. Faculty Teaching & Learning – Senator Cauchon reported that the first funding request had been approved (Pfister). The committee used their rough rubric and the system should be up and running in the spring. Senators encouraged the standing committee to make regular reports to the senate.
8. Open Educational Resources (OER) – none

J. Information Item(s)

None.

K. For the Good of the Order

1. Dean Efrain Silva is now the mayor of El Centro.
2. President-Elect Ric Epps has celebrated his December birthday.
3. The Nursing Dept has partnered with El Centro Regional Medical Center to provide pet therapy on campus. The dog will be stationed in the Nursing Office in the 2100 bldg.

F. Adjournment at 3:24 p.m.

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the IVC Academic Senate record the votes of all committee members as follows: (1) Members recorded as absent are presumed not to have voted; (2) the names of members voting in the minority or abstaining are recorded; (3) all other members are presumed to have voted in the majority.