

Imperial Valley College Academic Senate
Minutes
Wednesday, 3 June 2020
2:40pm – Zoom

A. Call to Order by the President: 2:40 pm

Roll call by Senate Secretary

Present: Mary Lofgren (President), Ric Epps (President-Elect), Jeff Burt, Gilbert Campos, Temo Carboni, Steven Cauchon, Hope Davis, Jesus Esqueda, Kristen Gomez, Melani Guinn, Joe Henderson, James Patterson, Jose Plascencia, Veronica Soto Figueroa, Jia Sun, Austen Thelen, Xochitl Tirado, Margarita Vizcarra, Christina Tafoya (VP Academic Services), Jorge Silva (ASG President), Moises Hernandez (ASG Past President)

Excused: Jose Roman, Elizabeth Trevino

Absent: Craig Blek, Eric Lehtonen, Daniel Ortiz, Helena Quintana, Ed Scheuerell, Ed Wells

Visitors: Beatriz Avila, Stacey Browning, Melody Chronister, Clint Dougherty, Dave Drury, Deedee Garcia, Martha Garcia, Lennor Johnson, Betsy Lane, Allyn Leon, Cerise Myers, Norma Nava, David Poor, Angel Sandoval, Fatima Villalobos, Mary Jo Wainwright, Oliver Zambrano

B. Visitor's Comments

Dr. Martha Garcia announced her/our support for current international protests. Ric Epps continued Dr. Garcia's comments with his own personal experiences. Melani Guinn echoed the sentiments. Kristen Gomez noted a statement released by Allen Hancock College.

Austen Thelen took time to thank President Mary Lofgren for her years of service to the Academic Senate, thanked her for supporting him as vice president, and highlighting some of the achievements made during her presidency. Mary Lofgren thanked the senators.

Oliver Zambrano reported on enrollment numbers for summer. The institution is 400 students less than this same time last year. Currently, the institution is at 92% fill rate for summer. He shared with the Senate how college employees can access information on the IR Dashboard.

C. President's Report

President Lofgren announced the recipient of the 2019-2020 Rafael Santos Excellence in Teaching Award: Xochitl Tirado.

D. Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer's absence, President Lofgren reported a current balance of \$2,057.22.

E. ASG President's Report

President Jorge Silva was sworn in as the new ASG President on Monday. He looked forward to working with the Academic Senate next year. He also reported on the Deaf Awareness event and Friday Trivia event last week.

F. Presentations

1. District Plan to phase into future face-to-face operations – Dr. Martha Garcia reviewed the preliminary plan to return to face-to-face operations on campus. The plan is built

upon the directives from the Centers for Disease Control and the Imperial County Roadmap to Recover as well as California's Pandemic Roadmap. The plan contains four stages. Dr. Garcia noted that the campus is currently in Stage 2 with Public Safety, Allied Health & Nursing, and Child Development operating on campus. Certain managers, Human Resources staff, maintenance staff, and administrative assistants and confidential employees are working on campus. Dr. Garcia outlined the shift to Stage 3 and then Stage 4. She anticipated that Stage 4 could still be more than a year away.

2. Budget Update / Tentative Budget – VP Deedee Garcia began by reminding the Senate of the great recession which began in 2008. During that time, \$1.5 billion was cut from the California Community College system. State deferrals made it necessary for ICCD to acquire Trans loans to survive. The CCC system is seeing the same actions from the State now, but the Board of Trustees is being much more cautious. Deferrals have already started, and the State deficits are expected to last into 2024. She provided tentative budget amounts moving into 2020-2021 FY, and she identified several revenue streams (such as community use of campus buildings) as zero during the campus closure. Deedee Garcia responded to a few questions from Senators.
3. DSPS name change – Norma Nava reported on movement across the State to rename Disabled Student Programs & Services to other names focusing on services as opposed to disabled students. She conducted research on 105 California community colleges, and she shared the various names that have been adopted. A survey of current and future DSPS students was conducted, and the proposed new name is Disability Support Program & Services. She asked for Academic Senate support for the new name. The action item will be on the agenda of the next Academic Senate meeting.

G. Consent Agenda (*MS: Epps/Gomez/approved*)

1. Approval of Academic Senate minutes for 20 May 2020
2. Approval of Curriculum Committee recommendations to the President from 27 May 2020

At this time, President Lofgren announced that the meeting would continue beyond the scheduled time frame in order to address the Action Items before the Senate. There was no objection. Mary Lofgren excused those Senators who had to leave for class or other obligations.

H. Action Items

1. Approval of the IVC 2020 Follow Up Report: First Read (Patterson/Epps).
Accreditation Coordinator Patterson provided a brief overview of the draft report. A few pieces of evidence were outstanding, but the CART is scheduled to approve the final draft on Friday. Following CART approval, the final report will be made available to College Council, Academic Senate, and the Board of Trustees for their review during the summer.

2. Approval of DE Committee recommended minimum requirements for DE Addendum (Cauchon/Guinn/approved)
DE Coordinator Xochitl Tirado noted that the emergency shift to online for all courses was allowed for the spring semester only. Summer and subsequent sessions' online courses will be required to meet certain requirements, specifically in regular, effective contact and accessibility.
3. Certification of Senate Officer elections (Guinn/Cauchon/certified)
President-elect Ric Epps reported the results of the Senate Officer election: Vice President Steven Cauchon, Treasurer Elizabeth Trevino, and Secretary Jia Sun. Ric Epps expressed his hope of working with the elected officers to prepare for the fall semester.
4. Reactivation of the Academic Senate standing committee: Admissions, Records, and Petitions Committee (Patterson/Epps/carried)
Secretary Patterson shared the bylaws description of the committee which has been inactive for several years. While the committee is a sub-committee of the Academic Senate, the bylaws note that an indefinite number of faculty and classified staff are appointed by the Superintendent/President and two student representatives are appointed by ASG.
5. Authorization of Senate President for summer decisions (Gomez/Guinn/approved)
The Senate authorizes incoming President Ric Epps to make routine decisions on behalf of the Academic Senate during the period when faculty are off-contract. President Epps has access to the newly elected officers for consultation and support, and he has the authority to call a special meeting of the Academic Senate should the need arise.

I. Discussion Items

1. Institutionalization of the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC) – Elizabeth Kemp reported that the current grant funding for the TLC ends September 30. A new grant application has been submitted as well as a grant extension request. No response has been received. It was noted that the current TALCAS grant noted that the District would assume funding once the grant ended; however, no decision has been made by the District yet. For context, Elizabeth Kemp noted that the 2018-2019 FY expense of the TLC was \$68,000.
Numerous senators spoke to the significant benefit faculty has received through the TLC workshops and trainings as well as the need to continue the programming. President Lofgren encouraged senators to attend the Board meetings and let their voices be heard.

J. Reports

1. Curriculum – Allyn Leon noted the DE Addendum changes have been made in CurriQunet. He also reported that the meeting of the Prerequisite Challenge Process task force with Drs. Johnson and Tafoya has been rescheduled several times.
2. Pathways to Student Success – The committee will meet on Monday, June 8.
3. Budget & Fiscal Planning – the Tentative Budget report by Deedee Garcia was noted.
4. Equivalency – still moving forward as appropriate

5. Outcomes & Assessment – none.
6. Distance Education – Xochitl Tirado reported that Distance Education requirements are in effect for Summer 2020 and beyond. The District is currently proposing a 2-hour training for all faculty to support development of distance education course work for the Fall semester. Xochitl Tirado thanked the District for funding an Educational Technology Specialist though she voiced concerns about it being a classified position rather than a faculty position. Questions were raised about retiring faculty’s access to Canvas and Outlook. Those questions were referred to Clint Dougherty, CHRO.
7. Faculty Teaching & Learning – Elizabeth Kemp noted that a DE Summer Camp training is scheduled for late June with a repeated session late July. She noted the Equity Showcase and the Vision Resource Centers for additional support and training.
8. Open Educational Resources – It was noted that OER is an Equity Issue.

K. For the Good of the Order

Mary Jo Wainwright noted that negotiations with the District relating to campus closure for summer and fall are ongoing.

President Mary Lofgren reflected on her 18 years of service to the IVC Academic Senate. She thanked all those who supported her four years as Senate President. In a well-planned exchange of the Academic Senate gavel, Mary Lofgren passed the presidency to Ric Epps.

J. Adjournment

President Lofgren adjourned the meeting at 4:43 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.
