



**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Health & Sciences Division
Ag Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 7th, 2014
Maranatha's
612 South "J" Street, Imperial, CA
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called order @ 7:07 by Bo Shropshire

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oli Bachi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theodore Boratynski	<input type="checkbox"/> David Brashaw
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Natwick	<input type="checkbox"/> Curtis Pate	<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Wang
<input type="checkbox"/> Jodi Brigman	<input type="checkbox"/> Jiangong Lin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bo Shropshire
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Aguirre	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Gilison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Pauley
Recorder: Silvia Murray		

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for October 24, 2013, were approved unanimously, as presented M/S/C E. Natwick/T.Boratynski.

State Curriculum

The State passed Senate Bill 1440 which is a Transfer Model Curriculum. The curriculum was created through the help of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and CSUs. Their goal was identify the course content new associate degree, which will award students an associate degree and prepare them for special benefits/guarantees upon transfer to CSU. Once the TMC (Transfer Model Curriculum) becomes available for community colleges to they as they develop their associate degree for transfer also known as AS-T degree.

Once the TMC is approved we have one year to implement the new curriculum. If a student completes this curriculum the student is granted entrance to a CSU. The template will be made available in September.

We are given a top code and if our top code has an asterisk then it falls into career tech. Unfortunately, we can't change the top code. Under career tech/perking we are

required to show how many students are in your program, how many got a "C" or better, how many get a degree and how many are employed.

We do not have anyone to place students in the workforce once they complete the program. We have to work really hard to get these numbers up.

Plan to Update Curriculum by August

We have to update the curriculum by August. The State has drafts each one needs to be revised and approved by the State. We need everyone's help in order to complete this by August. Oli and Sam are not teaching at IVC perhaps they can divide the courses and review some of them.

Curriculum review assignments are as follows.

Oli Bachi - Ag 140
Baldev Singh - Ag 120
Eric Natwick - Ag 170
Bo Shropshire - Ag 130
Pat Pauley - Ag 142

Eric was going to ask his wife if she would be willing to review some of the curriculum.

Tina will be sending all the curriculum information via email to all who volunteered to help review the curriculum.

A target date of July 15th for completion was established and a reminder will be sent in June.

Plan to Increase Completion of Certificate or Degree

It was suggested that the committee put together a plan of action to bring new students into the Ag Program. It would be a good idea to visit high school counselors and target students who have not been accepted into a four year college and help direct them to IVC.

About 95% of the local businesses are not aware that we have an Ag program. We need to look and see if there are areas that they can volunteer for as internships in local businesses. We need to approach local business and ask if they are interested in an internship.

We need a plan to have students complete a degree or certificate. We need to get students in the program and complete it with either a degree or certificate. If the students decide to get a degree they have to complete some general ed courses and the some of the Ag courses. If the students choose to get a certificate they only have to take the core classes and no general ed. Our completion numbers in Ag are very low and the State is telling us that we do not need the program.

The committee was asked if they wanted to eliminate the degree or certificate so that we could concentrate on one or the other. The degree guarantees entrance to a CSU and a certificate does not. The committee does not want to eliminate either one at this time. The committee agreed that they have to get new students and help them receive a degree or certificate. Oli Bachi stated that we need to really look and find opportunities for our students. We need to participate in more career fairs to reach new students.

New Faculty update

Oli Bachi and Sam Wang are now part-time faculty members at IVC. David Bradshaw is teaching Environmental Science (AG/ENVS 110) and Bladev Singh is teaching an AG 120 and AG/ENVS 110 as well. We are trying to expand and offer more courses.

Status of Greenhouse

The status of the Greenhouse is unknown at the moment. A contractor was identified and he was supposed to submit all of his information and wait for approval.

Report

Cal Poly Pomona Field Trip

Three students went to the Cal Poly Pomona field trip. They had an FFA competition and high school students from all over California attended. Students from Cal Poly had to participate as well. The students who participated enjoyed the field trip.

Club Report

Ag Club Report

The Ag Club did not have any functions in the Spring semester.

In the Fall semester we had the Pumpkin Patch. We had more people on Friday night. We sold out of pumpkins on Friday and had to go buy more. The

In the past IVC use to have an Ag Day we should consider bring Ag day back and merge it with the Pumpkin Patch. The University of California Desert Research and Extension Center (UC DREC) hold a lot of activities and they would be happy to

coordinate activities with IVC. As a research station they have activities all year round and workshops as well. We could have a 4H Prefair Program, a farm smart and other activities. These are activities that the Ag club can do. We could go to the high schools and have guest lectures. The USDA has an Ag Discovery program. We need to do outreach at the high schools and the community. It was suggested that the Ag Club be in charge and do the coordination on activities planned in the future. Oli and Erick will connect the activities with IVC. Bo would like to start an outreach program with the Farm Bureau and Vegetable Growers. He would like to discuss intern programs for students.

Update Membership List

Reviewed and updated the membership list to ensure that we had correct e-mail addresses for committee members.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm