

Westmorland Notes
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- No counseling center info on video
- Use external campus counselors
- Too much Calexico extended campus shown on video – no Brawley or El Centro
- Website/ class schedule needs updating – summer still there
- Access to students from Westmorland impossible
- Bus issue transportation
- 1999 had extended classes in Westmorland. City bought building, classes ceased
- School facility available after 3 pm. Basic classes could be held at Westminster school
- Distance education using fiber-optic education
- Want children education!
- Specialized programs: Irrigation Management
- Professional development for Police Department – now have to go out of Valley
- Spreadsheet of course materials compiled. Circulate to government agencies
- Role for IVC/ Westmorland
 - Info to students
 - Financial aid information needed
 - Outreach to schools
 - Current relationships
 - Class scheduling needs improvement
 - Water/ wastewater employee have benefited
 - Need for engineering program
 - How can IVC respond to changes in Westmorland
 - Westmorland population stable
 - Declining enrollment at schools
 - As difficult as it is to set classes, need more of them
 - Reputation of IVC in Westmorland
 - Difficult to get classes
 - COD better course access
 - Mexicali students take slots
 - Bonus points for local students
- Contribution of IVC
 - Residents benefit from educational offerings
 - Would benefit Westmorland to have informational meetings held in Westmorland
 - Waiting for high school age kids to be interested is too late, start out with middle school

- Motivate Jr. High age students to continue education
 - Westmorland Jr. High students visit IVC/ more should be done w/ parents
- General perception
 - Too many students
 - Not enough classes/ overcrowding
 - Difficult registration process
 - Price of books – too much of a markup
 - Helpful faculty – they care about students
 - Good to start Ag classes again
 - Need niche – farming practices, irrigation systems
 - Analyze course offerings – make sure are parallel w/ other CC statewide
- What would you recommend for IVC?
 - Close by
 - Good instruction
 - Experience positive
 - Classes transfer
- What can IVC do more of?
 - Distance learning
 - Short-term classes
 - External locations
 - Ag & Engineering
 - Delete obsolete courses
 - Eliminate classes that are less important than basics – stretch your \$
- Is IVC demanding enough?
 - Some students complain instructor accents
- What would you change?
 - Price of cafeteria food
 - Need more metered parking
 - Open-hours are okay
 - Slogan: okay
- Critical factor: to attend or not to attend?
 - Class schedules conflict
 - Lack of transportation
 - Way students treated – should have better customer service at front desk
 - Like low-cost of \$18 per unit
- Strengths
 - Community oriented
 - Faculty goes extra-mile
 - Computer labs
 - Once-stop on campus
 - WIB
- Weaknesses
 - Class scheduling
 - Distance
 - Website out of date
 - Outreach to Westmorland programs poor

- Programs
 - Pre-engineering – students get start in technical courses
- Services needed
 - Online registration
 - New students orientation
 - Distance – online courses
 - Classrooms – face-to-face w/ instructor
 - Veterans get tuition breaks
 - Law changes – IVC district could support efforts – foundation involvement
 - Extra-curricular
 - Football team
 - Wrestling
- IVC & business or family
 - Many successful business men are IVC grads
 - Open-doors. Public Works, engineering employees
 - DSP&S – bad experience 20 yrs. Ago
- Change anything?
 - Padded chairs
 - Comfortable seats
 - Roses are beautiful – keep them
- Limitations in meeting expectations
 - Classes
 - IVC cooperate w/ SDSU Brawley campus
 - Workshops & seminars
 - Facility is adequate
 - Swimming pool, library good
 - Need computer labs
 - One-stop
 - Better learning center
 - Facility improvements need
 - Labs w/ older computers
 - Need big computer lab
 - Stinks in labs
- Communications
 - People need more info in addition to schedules
 - Need to be on TV/ radio/ newspapers
 - Difficult determining locations of classes in schedule
 - Coordinate lists of external campus offerings
 - Info to Westmorland school students
 - ICOE TV station
 - Need more regular info
 - Website as major communicator
 - Postcards returned for schedules
 - Computer access limited for residents
 - Westmorland has highest # of computers per classroom in county
- Other:

- Happy to see IVC here