

December 17, 2003

Dear Friend of IVC:

For the past three months Imperial Valley College has been engaged in the most extensive re-examination of its mission since its founding more than 40 years ago. We have held 18 focus group meetings involving college district residents from every community we serve. We have heard you say you are looking to us to help transform our community by empowering people to seek a college education. You are looking to us for leadership in the educational aspects of preparing Imperial County for the growth and changes that are occurring all around us.

- You have told us that access to our classes is a crucial issue, and you want more course offerings to be able to graduate in two years.
- You want us to expand our training for the jobs that are coming to our County.
- You want us to expand our Extended Campus Program.
- You have asked IVC to look at transportation issues in our County, especially in the outlying areas where bus service to our campus is the only means of transportation for many of our students.
- You have asked us to improve our outreach and communications.
- You want better facilities and more parking.

You have given us more than 300 recommendations. Now, we are asking you for one more favor.

We must now pull all of these recommendations into one Vision Driven Strategic Plan, and we cannot do it alone. This is an invitation to the community to participate in a Stakeholders' Summit on Saturday, January 10, 2004, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at IVC. The day will include a campus tour and, most importantly, breakout sessions where you will tell us your priorities for the future of IVC. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Please let us know you will participate by calling my office at 355-6219. We hope to see you on January 10!

Sincerely,

Paul Pai, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Stakeholders' Summit**

**Saturday, January 10, 2004
8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – College Center**

AGENDA

- 8:00 A.M. – 8:15 A.M. Continental Breakfast
(DePaoli Sports Complex – Gym)
- 8:15 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Welcoming and Introductions
- 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Campus Facilities Briefing
- 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Breakout Sessions (500 Bldg)
- 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. Lunch and Keynote Speaker David
Wolf, former Executive Director of
the Accrediting Commission for
Community and Junior Colleges
(College Center)
- 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Wrap Up Session
- 3:00 P.M. Adjournment

Imperial Valley College
Vision 2003
Strategies and Recommendations
from Focus Group Meetings

ACCESS

- Work with SDSU to offer more classes for students unable to leave Imperial County.
- Educate High School seniors about how to crash classes.
- Reduce fees
- IVC should give priority registration to Imperial County residents.
- Improve telephone registration system.
- Add Saturday classes.
- Avoid scheduling conflicts of required courses in the Business Management Certificate Program. At the moment is not possible to take two classes a semester because of course overlap time.
- Delete obsolete courses from the catalogue.
- Develop flexible scheduling -- not just classes, but majors and programs. A lot of people are working during the daytime and need to go to school at night.
- Eliminate flex-week training for faculty in January and incorporate that week into the regular instruction schedule.
- The numbering system for courses should be changed.
- Childcare should be more accessible to students' needs and schedules.
- Do not change textbooks so often.
- Make better use of textbooks; develop sequence to use them from one class to another.
- Provide more inexpensive books.
- Order more books. If you have 100 seats there should be 100 books in stock at the bookstore.
- Buy back of books needs to be improved.
- Coordinate student course schedules with Imperial Transit bus schedules.
- Communicate with Imperial Transit to improve bus transportation countywide and allow students access to the college throughout the day.
- IVC should develop its own transportation system.
- Seek grants for transportation.
- Classes need to be standardized.
- Look into potential of online teaching.

- Look into cable services systems and a community cable station.
- Many people do not have computers at home. Develop a computer lab where people can meet at certain times for online classes.
- Offer computer access in the high schools for online classes through IVC.
- Use computer software to help students get classes.
- Use technology to reach the community. Implement video courses; video classes; on-line classes to serve outlying communities
- Develop a mobile learning center.
- Use libraries in remote communities as internet satellite campuses for IVC.
- ENG 14 currently requires lab time, that cannot be offered at the Extended Campus. Offer those labs at the Extended Campus locations to accommodate those without transportation.
- Offer classes on how to use the Internet, not just on the main campus, but also the Extended Campuses.
- Develop Extended Campus courses in all communities served by IVC.
- Distribute class offerings among all Extended Campus sites.
- Do away with Extended Campuses.
- Increase course offerings at Extended Campuses.
- Transfer classes need to be available in the extended sites.
- Provide childcare at Extended Campus sites.
- Offer auto tech classes at extended campuses
- Add International communications so people can work in other countries