

**ADOPTED MINUTES
IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS GOVERNMENT
FORTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY
Location: Administration Board Room @ 1:00 p.m.
Monday, March 24, 2014**

President Ibarra called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Associated Students Government Senate to order at 1:35 p.m. in the Administration Board Room.

PRESENT	Emily Isabel Blancarte	Priscilla Ortiz
	Claudia Curiel	Robert Romero
	Diana Ibarra	Alexis Soto
	Cassandra Lopez	Rosalia Tanory
	Andrea Montaña [Late 1:41 p.m.]	Sarah Vandiver

NOT PRESENT	Jonathan Carrillo
	Adel H. Mohammad
	Edalaine Joy Tango-an

VISITORS	Rosanna Lugo, <i>Student Services Specialist</i>
	Eric Lehtonen, <i>Academic Senate President & Math Instructor</i>

ADVISOR	Mr. Sergio A. Lopez
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CLERK	Saria Cardoza
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>M/S/C (Vandiver/D. Ibarra) to approve the agenda for Monday, March 24, 2014 as submitted</i>
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>M/S/C (Blancarte/Ortiz) to approve the minutes for the meeting of Monday, March 17, 2014 as submitted</i>
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PUBLIC COMMENTS	None
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REPORTS

President	<p>President Ibarra reminded the Senate of the following committee meetings scheduled in the Administration Board Room for this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ College Council will be meeting today, Monday at 2:30 p.m. President Ibarra, VP Ibarra and Parliamentarian Montaña will be attending.➤ START Committee meeting will meet tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. Parliamentarian Montaña is scheduled to attend.➤ The Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee will meet this Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. Treasurer Romero is scheduled to attend.➤ The VP Search Committee will meet this Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Secretary Blancarte and VP Ibarra are scheduled to attend.
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- The Facilities & Environmental Improvement Committee will be meeting this Friday, March 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Senator Ortiz will be attending.
- The Human Resources Hiring Committee will meet Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in room 1704 (Economic & Workforce Development Conference Room). Senator Ortiz and Senator Tanory are scheduled to attend.

Elections Officer

Elections Officer Soto stated that there were ten applications turned in for Senate. Elections will be held Monday, April 7, 2014 and Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Commissions

Activities

A date has not been set for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Activities Commission is yet to hear back from the IVC Preschool.

Affairs

Centerpieces for the Awards Banquet have been ordered. The cost breakdown will be provided at the next meeting.

Cultural

The Women’s History Celebration held last Thursday, March 20, 2014 went very well, according to Senator Ortiz. The event was well attended. Board Member, Juanita Salas gave an excellent speech.

The Cesar Chavez’s Celebration is scheduled this Thursday, March 27, 2014 in the College Center during College Hour.

Publicity

The Publicity Commission will continue to publicize the Cesar Chavez’s event.

Other Committees

Finance

Treasurer Romero stated that the LGBTQ Club members came to this board last week asking for financial assistance for their Awareness Conference this weekend. However, Treasurer Romero stated that Club Advisor, Lisa Solomon stated that all the club needs is volunteers to assist during the conference. Treasurer Romero and Parliamentarian Montañó will assist with this event.

Rules

The Rules Committee canceled their meeting last Wednesday, March 19, 2014 and has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 12:45 p.m. in the Student Affairs Conference Room.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Changes to Grading System

Mr. Eric Lehtonen, Academic Senate President and Faculty Instructor for Mathematics, briefed the Senate on the proposed changes from the faculty groups to a plus and minus grading system. He explained some of the reasons why the majority of faculty supports this change specially when doing assessments during grading. Mr. Lehtonen explained how faculty has leeway in

setting their own grading system. Treasurer Romero asked, “When transferring to a four-year institution, there might be competition with those students that are transferring from an institution where the plus and minus grading system is not utilized.” Mr. Lehtonen stated it was his understanding that universities drops all plus and minuses from student’s transcripts. Dean Lopez suggests to research if the statement from Mr. Lehtonen is true before making any decisions. A survey will be conducted for faculty to see what the majority feels about the plus and minus grading system. Mr. Lehtonen stated that the survey should be ready by mid-April but before Spring Break.

The ASG thanked Mr. Lehtonen and was excused at 2:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Activity Function Forms

M/S/C (Montaño/Ortiz) to approve the following Activity Function forms as submitted:

- a. Business Club – End of the Year Trip (Cruise); Departing from San Pedro, CA on May 19 or May 26; Returning May 23 or May 30, 2014
- b. Friends of the Earth Club – GENDER-OSITY Film Festival, Wed., 3/26/14 from 12pm-1pm in the College Center
- c. Friends of the Earth Club – Community Women’s Conference, Thurs., 4/17/14 from 12pm-2pm in the College Center
- d. SPA – Food Sale (Churritos, Taquitos Locos, Nachos, water and soft drinks), Tues., 4/15/14 from 10am-2pm in the College Center’s Quad area
- e. SPA – Easter Egg Hunt/Games at the Naval Air Force in El Centro (Child/Youth Programs), Wed., 4/16/14 from 9am-1pm
- f. SPA – Easter Egg Hunt/Games at Niland Grace Smith Elementary School, Thurs., 4/17/14 from 8am-2pm
- g. SPA – Bowling & Go-Kart Racing at the Naval Air Force in El Centro, Fri., 4/18/14 from 3:30pm-8pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senators

Treasurer Romero would like for the ASG to work on conducting a student survey regarding what they think of the plus and minus grading system. Dean Lopez suggested providing the pros and cons of such and how will affect or benefit students on the change. Treasurer Romero stated that some faculty members should focus on better teaching strategies instead of focusing on the grading system change.

IVC Student, Jose Renteria came to the ASG last semester asking for their support in showing a documentary on cancer awareness at the college. Mr. Renteria was informed that the Spring semester would be a better option to hold this type of function. Mr. Renteria would like to host his function on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Dean Lopez stated that ASG should not feel compromised to assist with this event. President Ibarra will follow through with this.

President

President Ibarra stated that the Competitive Athletics Committee needs two student representatives to serve in the committee. VP Ibarra and Treasurer Romero were assigned to be part of such committee. The committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at 12 Noon in room 700.

Advisor

Dean Lopez reminded Treasurer Romero and Parliamentarian to report to the 400 building this Saturday, March 29, 2014 to assist the LGBTQ Club with their conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Monday, March 31, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

PRESIDENT

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A.S. ADVISOR

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Respectfully Submitted by: _____ **Date** _____