

**ADOPTED MINUTES  
IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE  
MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS GOVERNMENT  
FIFTY-SECOND ASSEMBLY  
Location: Administration Board Room @ 12:50 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 31, 2017****

President Bermudez called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Associated Students Government Senate to order at 12:55 p.m. in the Administration Board Room.

**PRESENT**

Benjamin Barajas (*Late 1:01 p.m.*)  
Luis Caloca  
Victor Cervantes  
Ubaldo Chavez  
Kyle Deol  
Stephanie Estrada  
Jorge Gonzalez  
Brianna Guzman  
Jose Gutierrez  
Karla Espejo Rodarte  
Anizza Ramirez  
Nathalie Rodriguez  
Karen Villa

**ABSENT**

None

**VISITOR**

Irene Drye, *Student Success Specialist*  
Eduardo Pesquiera, *Male Minority Coordinator*  
Elena Garcia, *Student*  
Miguel Ruvalcaba, *Student*  
Kimberly Renteria, *Student*  
Andrea Ruiz, *Student*  
Mackayla Piceno, *Student*  
Matthew Limon, *Student*

**ADVISOR**

Dr. Lennor Johnson

**CLERK**

Miriam Trejo

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*M/S/C (Gutierrez/Villa) to approve the agenda of Wednesday, May 31, 2017 as submitted.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*M/S/C (Guzman/Caloca) to approve the minutes for the meeting of Monday, May 22, 2017 as submitted.*

**REPORTS**

**President**

President Bermudez reminded the Senate of the following committee meetings scheduled in the Administration Board Room for this week:

- Budget and Fiscal Planning will be meeting today at 2:00 p.m. there is not a senator available to attend the meeting.

- The Curriculum committee will be meeting tomorrow and Senator Guzman will be attending the meeting.

## Commissions

### **Activities**

The Activities Commission stated that the Life's A Beach event went well and students appreciated the use of the pool. They went on to thank Pepsi-Cola and the President's Office for their donations.

IVC's Got Talent was cancelled due to the lack of work toward the event. The Activities Commission stated that nothing had been done toward the event.

### **Affairs**

The Affairs Commission informed the senate that certificates are currently being put in frames and the decorator will be paid this week.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **Update/Approve the purchase of new tables & chairs for the College Center**

*M/S/C (Caloca/Rodriguez)* to approve the expenditure to purchase new tables and chairs for the College Center to not exceed \$7,000. The expenditure was approved unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Charter Forms**

*M/S/C (Guzman/Villa)* to approve the following Chartered Club as submitted.

- a. **Spirit Club**  
Club Advisors: Donnie Ross

### **Activity Function Forms**

*M/S/C (Caloca/Deol)* to approve the following Activity Function forms as submitted.

- a. **Christian Club** – Proxy/Info/Outreach Booth, 6/21/17 12pm-2pm in the Quad Area
- b. **Zion Bible Study** - Seminar, 6/26/17, 7/10/17, 7/24/17 at 6pm location TBD
- c. **ESL Club** – End of Semester Dinner at Olive Garden, IV Mall, 6/7/17 4pm-7pm
- d. **Spirit Club**- Cheer Camp Trip to Palm Desert 8/2/17-8/5/17

### **Future Goals 2017-2017**

President Bermudez gave a presentation of student needs as well as a list of special projects. The senate should consider at least one special project to work on.

Dr. Johnson looked over the list and determined at least three top projects and recommended the senate to look for funds and resources for the special projects.

Dr. Johnson went on to inform the senate that a microwave will come in June or July when the food pantry is open in order to accommodate students who bring their lunch from home.

## Vote of No Confidence

Senator Espejo Rodarte informed the senate that Mr. Martinez was the previous advisor for the ASG and had personal issues with Dr. Garcia, Vice President of Student Services. Senator Espejo Rodarte went on to inform the senate that Dr. Garcia is someone who has poor leadership skills and the character of a leader is extremely important. Senator Espejo Rodarte stated that the goal of the vote of no confidence was that Dr. Garcia formally apologize to the ASG, the student body, Mr. Martinez and the school as a whole. Senator Espejo Rodarte went on to state that Dr. Garcia cannot get away with things like this and is not taking this as a personal position but is speaking for all students of Imperial Valley College.

President Bermudez informed the senate that there have been cases with students having issues with Dr. Garcia and forms of retaliation had already been seen.

Secretary Deol informed the senate during the discussion of the food pantry, concerns were voiced and Dr. Garcia implied that she did not care about the students' opinion.

President Bermudez went on to add that she had heard complaints from students and employees who did not want to come forward stating that Dr. Garcia had cursed at them.

Dr. Johnson told the senate that he appreciated their sentiments and can only speak on his observations and experiences. He went on to inform the senate that every day, he reflects on his day and what could he have done better. He went on to state that one thing he does know of Dr. Garcia is a hard worker, is engrained in the community, organizations and has helped a lot of people.

Dr. Johnson went on to inform the senate that one of the bigger projects Dr. Garcia has been working on is the food pantry which will assist with student success. Additionally he encouraged the ASG to work with Dr. Garcia.

Dr. Johnson went on to advise the senate that taking this step will challenge things and encouraged the senate to work with Dr. Garcia and hopes things get better with time. Additionally, he asked what the outcome of this would be and with the some ASG members seeking Dr. Garcia's termination, he asked the ASG how the rest of the campus and student body would feel.

A motion was made by senator Espejo Rodarte and a second by senator Deol for a vote of no confidence in Dr. Garcia.

### **Discussion:**

Senator Gonzalez informed the senate that once feelings are on the table, the issue is personal. Dr. Garcia is getting things done on campus and the vote of no confidence may make things difficult for future senates. Gonzalez went on to add that this would be putting the new senate in issues that they were not involved in.

President Bermudez informed the senate that there was an attempt to resolve issues that were discussed however Dr. Garcia would not meet with the ASG. President Bermudez added that Dr. Garcia is on track to be the next Superintendent of IVC and already thinks she is queen adding that Dr. Garcia only does things to make herself look good.

Senator Espejo Rodarte added that Dr. Garcia is stepping on people to get things done.

Senator Gonzalez informed the senate that he disagreed with the vote and this issue was a personal issue with Dr. Garcia.

Irene Drye stated that she understands the ASG's views however there have been many projects and programs that Dr. Garcia has been a part of to improve campus life at IVC as well as assisting with special groups on campus and working on partnerships.

The ASG voted on motion:

In favor: Barajas, Chavez, Deol, Gutierrez, Villa

Opposed: Caloca, Gonzalez, Ramirez, Cervantes, Rodriguez, Estrada

The motion did not pass as it needs a two-thirds approval.

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

### **ASG President 2017-2018**

At this time, 2016-2017 ASG President Bermudez administered the oath of office to 2017-2018 ASG President Espejo Rodarte.

### **Senior Senators 2017-2018**

At this time, President Espejo Rodarte administered the oath of office to the 2017-2018 senior senators:

- Kimberly Renteria
- Elena Garcia
- Andrea Ruiz
- Mackayla Piceno
- Matthew Limon
- Luis Caloca
- Nathalie Rodriguez

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Senators**

Senator Gutierrez thanked everyone for their service to the 2016-2017 ASG.

Senator Deol added that the experience was fun.

### **ASG President**

Outgoing President Bermudez hopes the new senate is empowered and reminded them that each senator represents approximately 500 students. Additionally, bring student issues to the senate and advocate for those students.

President Espejo Rodarte thanked everyone for being involved in the senate and thanked Outgoing President Bermudez for being the best president.

**Advisor**

Dr. Johnson congratulated President Espejo Rodarte, the senior senators and thanked Outgoing President Bermudez for being president and doing an outstanding job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, August 21, 2017 at 12:50 p.m. in the Administration Board Room (Bldg. 10).

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<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>A.S. ADVISOR</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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**Respectfully Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_