



ADOPTED MINUTES

FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

On Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., Board President Rebecca Ramirez called the Special Meeting of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees to order in the Administration Building Board Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlos R. Acuña
Rudy Cardenas, Jr.
Romualdo Medina
Rebecca L. Ramirez
Norma Sierra Galindo
Louis Wong

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jerry D. Hart

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Chantilee Mendenhall, ASG Representative
Dr. Bruce Seivertson, Academic Senate Representative
Suzanne Gretz, CTA President

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Dr. Ed Gould, Superintendent/President
Dr. Victor Jaime, Vice President for Student Services
Kathy Berry, Vice President for Academic Services
Dr. Richard "Dick" Giese, Consultant for The California Collegiate Brain Trust

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Gould announced that Dr. Richard Giese was joining the Board via teleconference and would be making a comment later in the meeting regarding the progress report.

III. CONSENT AGENDA – EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

M/S/C Acuña/Medina

Resolution No. 14218: Certification of the Accreditation Progress Report

Discussion

President Gould reported on the item and stated there was an amended report due to the following changes:

On page 6, the timeline of dates have been changed.

On page 16, the reference page number to the Sexual Harassment Policy was changed.

On page 20, the current shared governance chart is the one being sent to WASC, not the proposed chart.

On page 27, a portion of the committees had been left out and have been added through page 36, covering all standing committees.

Trustee Acuña asked how the new proposed shared governance would impact the existing shared governance and asked if there would be resistance to the new shared governance.

President Gould stated constituents from different groups would be best to respond to the question. He stated both the technology part and the planning part should report through College Council. He stated the planning process becomes integral to the work of the shared governing process and stated shared governance was not getting communication across the Academic Senate and College Council. He stated this new process clarifies the rules and does not believe there will be resistance.

VP for Academic Services Berry spoke and stated the progress report was done with a cross section of participation from faculty, classified, administrators, and students. She stated the group looked at processes and found the breakages in communication identified by WASC. She stated there were unofficial conversations previously to come to a decision; however, the process was not formal. She stated this new structure shares information back and forth and helps with the shared governance process.

Consultant Giese states that he wanted to ensure the campus constituents were working together for the betterment of the institution. He stated he is complimentary of the process and echoes what has been said. He stated there was a spirit of working together.

President Gould asked Consultant Giese to give his perception on the evolution of progress report.

Consultant Giese stated there had been some work done prior to the leadership change. He stated that the progress report clearly states to WASC that the issues raised have been addressed effectively. He stated that IVC would receive a visit this fall and four out of the six recommendations will be reviewed. He stated it was his belief that WASC will probably leave the institution on the current warning status. He stated IVC would be reconsidered for full accreditation after next year's visit when IVC addresses the remaining two recommendations. He stated VP for Academic Services Berry, VP for Business Services Lau, Dean of Instruction Rapp and President Gould were instrumental in putting the progress report together. He stated the new structure ultimately changes the planning process from an informal process to a more structured one to better serve the institution. He stated from his perspective, the new structure is one that will benefit the institution now and in the future.

Trustee Galindo asked if the second line in the Strategic Plan that pertains to recommendation be changed from "could" to "can" under the Purpose Statement. She stated the word could sounds vague. She asked how community input would be received as she did not see a Community Committee on the flow chart.

President Gould stated the visioning process was conducted last year in the fall. He stated at that time, IVC went to the community and received input. He stated that visioning process is now into the planning process and part of the responses start at the Educational Summit

(Thursday, October 9th). He stated the visioning process suggestions have been incorporated to serve the business community. He stated once the Strategic Plan is taken to the groups, IVC would ask the groups for clarification and feedback, asking them if IVC has met their needs. He stated some needs would change and the Strategic Plan should be considered a fluid document. He stated the District would be seeing changes in the next several years and the feedback will be incorporated into the other plans as needed: Facilities Plan, Fiscal Plan, and Technology Plan which will be integrated into the Education Master Plan and into the Strategic Plan.

Consultant Giese said community input is also provided through the advisory committees.

Trustee Galindo asked if she could let her constituents know that community input is an ongoing process and even though it is not immediately identified, it is something that as issues and plans come along the community participates.

President Gould stated it is an ongoing process with every one of the career technical programs as they have vocational advisory meetings with community representatives. He stated the representative have input in the program review process and it is received through an ongoing process.

Consultant Giese asked to be excused. President Gould thanked him.

President Gould stated that the progress report has been incorporated into the website, thanks to the work of Webmaster Omar Ramos. He stated there is a significant change in the accreditation progress and how it is displayed on the website.

Webmaster Ramos navigated through the new Accreditation website. President Gould stated it is an ongoing updated live document and anyone can see it evolve and can see the transparency.

President Gould commended VP Berry for the work she has done on the progress report. He thanked Webmaster Ramos for the work he has done with the website.

Resolution

WHEREAS the Imperial Valley College Accreditation Progress Report is being submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges for the purpose of assisting in determination of our institution's accreditation status; and

WHEREAS Imperial Valley College certifies that there was broad participation by the campus community, and we believe the Accreditation Progress Report accurately reflects the nature and substance of this institution;

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Board commends everyone that contributed to the Accreditation Progress Report, and approves the submission of this Report.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C Acuña/Wong to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008, AT 6 P.M.** in the Administration Building Board Room.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ICCD Board President

ICCD Board Secretary