

Academic Senate of Imperial Valley College  
Minutes for Wednesday, 18 March 2015

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Heumann at 1:30 p.m.

Present – Nicholas Akinkuoye, Caroline Bennett, Gilbert Campos, Michael Capeci, Holly Chase, Olivia Garcia, Alex Garza, Daniel Gilison, Rick Goldsberry, Suzanne Gretz, Michael Heumann, Russell Lavery, Eric Lehtonen, Allyn Leon, Mary Lofgren, Ralph Marquez, Lorraine Mazeroll, Norma Nunez, Priscila Ortiz, Mike Palacio Jr., Frank Rapp, Ed Wells

Absent – David Drury, Frank Miranda, David Scott Sheppard, Cathy Zazueta

Excused – Frank Hoppe

Visitors – Tina Aguirre, Sheila Dorsey-Freeman, Jeff Enz, Eric Jacobson, Victor Jaime, James Patterson, Efrain Silva, Mary Jo Wainwright, Kevin White,

**B. Visitor's Comments**

No comments.

**C. Consent Agenda**

Michael Heumann – Since Consent Agenda item #2, the minutes for 4 March 2015, did not go out in the emailed packet, they will not be included in this vote.

[M/S/C] (Nunez/Goldsberry) The motion carried.

**D. Reports – Please limit your report to 3 minutes**

1. President – Michael Heumann congratulated Terri Sullivan and Roberta Webster on receiving Tenure. Accreditation visit: representative asked about committee attendance, program review, and things that have been talked about throughout the year. They were positive about the report provided by those interviewed. Michael Heumann was asked by Linda Amidon to convey a question from the ACCJC report – Describe examples of effective and/or innovative practices at your college for setting institution-set standards, evaluating college or programmatic performance related to student achievement, and changes that have happened in response to analyzing college or program performance. Please forward any examples to Linda Amidon, Michael Heumann or Nicholas Akinkuoye.

Nicholas Akinkuoye suggested during faculty meetings to discuss student performance and how you take action to measure success, determine what needs to be improved, encourage faculty collaboration to improve success, and reevaluate to make sure it is making a difference. Determine how you assess your programs and how you assess students that are graduating to determine institutional effectiveness.

Michael Heumann – will attend the area D meeting in San Diego on Saturday March 28.

2. Past-President – No report.
3. Treasurer – Caroline Bennett reported that since the last report \$3.60 has been spent on printing and \$375 on travel - Balance \$3,388.21.
4. Associated Student Government (ASG) President – Priscila Ortiz - ASG Elections will be on April 13 and 14; planning a social next week. Prepping for Women’s History Celebration on Wednesday, March 25th. The Anti-Gang Awareness Family Health and Outreach Fair day will be held at IVC on March 28<sup>th</sup>. A student brought a concern to her – they were working in the 2600 building lab and was asked to leave since a class was coming in. She asked the committee if something could be done to help students in this situation. James Patterson said that they could be referred to him.
5. Part-Time Representative – No report.
6. CART – Finished with follow up report now working on midterm which is due this time next year.
7. Senate Election Committee – Michael Heumann reported for the committee: One name was submitted for the at-large membership; encourages others to submit. Russell Lavery stated that the time of the meetings should be determined so that people would know when the meetings will be held. Michael Heumann said that the Academic Senate meeting time revision will be discussed later in the meeting.
8. Distance Education – No report.

#### **E. Action Items**

1. Resolution on Reorganization — Second Reading (Leon/Nunez)  
President Heumann read the Resolution on Reorganization.

Daniel Gilison – there are other plans such as moving AG and some other small changes, was concerned that this proposal would not allow for other changes that are going to be happening.

Members discussed some of the proposed moves of departments and stressed that there will be continued discussion regarding these moves and that approval of this resolution should not prevent the discussion of these other issues.

The committee determined that the wording of the resolution should be revised so as not to limit the continued discussion of departmental moves.

Motion made to strike and add as follows to the section of the resolution:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Imperial Valley College supports ~~the reorganization of Instruction and~~ the expansion of Instructional divisions from three to four; and”

[M/S/C] (Wells/Gilison)

Agreed on by Allyn Leon and Norma Nunez. Motion carried.

2. Resolution on Athletics — Second Reading (Leon/Gretz)  
President Heumann read the Athletics Resolution.

Members expressed that Athletics should be considered part of Instruction.

[M/S/C] (Leon/Gretz). Motion carried.

3. Class Cancellation Resolution — Second Reading (Rapp/Leon)  
President Heumann read the Class Cancellation Resolution.

The committee discussed issues that may be affected by approving the document as presented. It was suggested that the committee be careful not to violate CTA contract language. Also, some of the language in the resolution could be viewed as accusatory toward administration. Removing the word “policy” was suggested.

The committee agreed that this issue should be addressed and that, with revision to the language of the resolution, contractual infringement could be avoided while still being able to provide a recommendation to administration.

The committee agreed that there are many variables involved and that a specific date by which a cancellation must be made would not always be in the best interest of students and/or faculty.

A motion was made to revise the language to the last paragraph as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Valley College Academic Senate recommends that an ad hoc committee of faculty, ~~and~~ instructional administrators and students identify best practices and guidelines to present to bargaining units and administration for discussion and/or negotiations ~~develop a policy to delineate best practices and guidelines in class cancellation.~~”

[M/S/C] (Leon/Chase) Motion carried.

Motion to strike as follows from the third paragraph of the resolution:

“WHEREAS, past practice in class cancellation has been, at times, inconsistent and confusing, ~~leading to the perception of capriciousness, vindictiveness, favoritism, and cronyism, no matter how well intentioned;~~”

[M/S/C] (Gilison/Gretz) Motion carried.

(Mazeroll, Lofgren, Marquez – opposed) (Lavery – abstained)

4. 2015-16 Calendar – First Reading (Nunez/Gretz)

President Heumann – this calendar was provided through careful consideration by the calendar committee and it is similar to last year’s calendar.

Committee members discussed the rationale for not offering classes during the week of Thanksgiving. This was not faculty driven but arose from comments and suggestions made by students and the community. Mary Jo Wainwright offered to conduct a survey of faculty to poll their opinion of not having classes offered during that week.

Committee members also discussed the issue of not holding classes on Fridays during the summer. There is an impact to 194 day faculty, and to other campus employees that would need to offer services on Fridays. President Heumann stated that the issue of Fridays does not impact the instructional days as set forth in the calendar.

[M/S/C] (Nunez, Gretz) Motion carried.

## **F. Discussion and Information Items**

### **1. Change to Senate Meeting Time for 2015-16**

President Heumann – next academic year college hour will be 12:50 to 1:50. We can leave the meeting time as it is or we can change the meeting time to correspond with campus hour or move it to Fridays. The question had been discussed as to how long meetings lasted, there is a wide variety of schedules being used at community colleges. A sample of agenda items from Southwestern was presented. For a 50 minute meeting they did not include reports which helps the meetings move faster. He wanted to hear the thoughts of the committee on the 50 minute meeting.

Committee members agreed that the idea of changing the meeting times may work in the best interest of all.

Michael Heumann stated that he would talk more with Mr. Beach from Southwestern about how it works. The senate could modify it to maintain what works best for the committee. He will bring it back for more comments prior to placing it on a future agenda for action.

### **2. Senate Executive Committee's Role in Off-Contract Periods**

To be addressed after the Honors Program Update with the approval of the committee.  
(This item will be moved to the next meeting)

### **3. Honors Program Update — Robert Baukholt**

Some changes in the program were made upon review of the program. Originally there were very strict rules for getting into the program. GPA initially was 3.5 that was changed to 3.25, which is on par with most other institutions. Incoming freshman now qualify for honors based on their high school GPA (3.5 or higher). Allows for a "C" or better in ENGL 110 or equivalent, was previously "B" requirement.

In five semesters, IVC has offered honors contracts in 19 different courses. 15 different IVC instructors have developed honors content for one or more of their courses. The committee should consider the future of the program since it has been offered as a pilot for five semesters.

Main motivation – transfer alliances. In order to meet the requirements there are conditions that must be met.

1. HTCC (Honors Transfer Council of California); sets criteria for membership. Of the requirements there are several challenges that would need to be met.
2. UCLA TAP (Transfer Alliance Program); has very strict requirements most of which we currently do not meet.

Where we go from here:

Option 1: Attempt to forge these transfer alliances; get union and administration involved.

Option 2: Continue working to grow the program.

Option 3: Discontinuance of the program.

Committee members agreed that they would prefer to consider options 1 or 2 or possibly work on option 1 while continuing the efforts to grow the program.

#### 4. Administrative Evaluations

Moved to next meeting.

#### **G. “For the Good of the Order”**

#### **H. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the IVC Academic Senate shall take place on Wednesday, 01 April 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the IVC Board Room.

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the IVC Academic Senate record the votes of all committee members as follows: (1) Members recorded as absent are presumed not to have voted; (2) the names of members voting in the minority or abstaining are recorded; (3) all other members are presumed to have voted in the majority.