

Imperial Valley College Academic Senate Minutes

**Wednesday, 3 October 2018
2:40 p.m. Board Room**

A. Call to Order by Vice President Epps

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

Present: Jeff Burt, Gilbert Campos, Temo Carboni, Ric Epps, Jesus Esqueda, Kristen Gomez, Melani Guinn, Diane Harris, Joe Henderson, Zhong Hu, Stella Orfanos Woo, James Patterson, Jose Plascencia, Sydney Rice, Jesus Serrano, Veronica Soto, Jia Sun, Austin Thelen, Elizabeth Trevino, Ed Wells, and Michael Heumann and Matthew Limon (ex-officio).

Absent: Craig Blek, Michael Capeci, Daniel Ortiz, Jose Velasquez, Cathy Zazueta

Excused: Mary Lofgren, and Christina Tafoya (ex-officio)

Visitors: Beatriz Avila, Rick Castrapel, Dolores Diaz, Dave Drury, Fred Fisher, Frank Hoppe, Martha Garcia, Lennor Johnson, Betsy Lane, Ralph Marquez, Norma Nuñez, Robert Price, Angel Sandoval, Xochitl Tirado, Mary Jo Wainwright, David Zielinski

B. Visitor's Comments

None

C. Consent Agenda

1. Academic Senate minutes for 19 September 2018 [**M/S/C** (Wells/Guinn)]

D. President's Report

None

E. Treasurer Report

None: Banner system down

F. Action Items

1. Motion to refer CART Recommendation 3 to Curriculum Committee to develop timeline for departments to complete a review of program pathways and provide discipline faculty recommendations for general education course work (part of Guided Pathways implementation). [**M/S/C** (Patterson/Wells)]
2. Motion to approve Integrated Student Success Committee's change of title, charter, and membership to incorporate Guided Pathways: the Pathways To Student Success Committee. [**M/S/C** (Patterson/Wells)]

G. Presentations

1. **ASG Goals** – ASG President Matt Limon presented ASG goals developed during the 2018 Leadership Retreat:

1. The ASG Senate requests the Director of Maintenance and Operations and VP Administrative Services allocate resources necessary for the improvement of HVAC systems inside campus restrooms.
2. Housing insecurity is a growing concern for many IVC students, and the ASG Senate will work with the IVC Foundation and the VP Student Services to explore opportunities to address this challenge.
3. The Student Health Center provides valued services to the students of IVC. The ASG Senate requests that the Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services increase student awareness of these services.
4. The Associated Student Government Council will meet with the VP Administrative Services to address the students' needs for larger classrooms.
5. The ASG requests the VP Administrative Services install adequate shaded areas on campus for comfort and aesthetics.
6. The ASG applauds the efforts being made by the IVC Kitchen for addressing food insecurities. The ASG Council will increase student awareness of these resources.
7. The ASG requests that the VP Administrative Services augment offering additional courses in the following areas: Math, English, and Science to ensure retention and student success.
8. The ASG advocates for the administration to allocate additional computers in the library for adequate student academic success.
9. The ASG requests an assessment of the parking areas so they are illuminated, safe, and accessible.
10. The ASG will host a welcome week at the start of each semester.

2. **What is a Meta-Major?** – Carboni & Marquez presented information from other California Community Colleges and colleges out of state relating to the philosophy and logistics of meta-majors. Senators and guests participated in follow up discussion.

H. Discussion Items

1. CART Rec 4: to Request the Curriculum Committee Develop 1-3 Meta or Exploratory Majors for Effective Date of Fall 2020. The presentation on Meta-Majors continued into the Discussion relating to Imperial Valley College's development of these meta or exploratory majors. Patterson noted that the time frame of this CART recommendation was based upon the then understanding that IVC needed to design and implement Guided Pathways in five years. The number of majors to be developed was discussed with a general consensus that IVC begin with 1-3 such majors. Other colleges have developed meta-majors for Public Safety, Business, Communications, Education, etc. Discussion was closed after 30 minutes and will be continued at the next meeting of the Academic Senate.
2. Funding Formula goals (3-5 SMART goals from Senate): *postponed* in the interest of time.

3. Non-Binding Senate Resolution to Board re: current negotiations

Senators and Guests discussed concerns relating to the current state of negotiations between the faculty and the District.

- Multiple comments related to the need for IVC to attract quality faculty in the future. It was noted that a number of faculty are over age 60 and planning to retire soon. Both salaries and insurance benefits are an important factor in faculty candidates applying for and accepting employment at IVC. Cordial relations between faculty, students, and administration directly affects faculty retention.
- The students need a diverse, professional faculty – not only instructors from other areas and cultures in the United States but also home grown faculty who were themselves students at IVC.
- Faculty want to be treated as professionals. Additional comments related to the general freedoms afforded the faculty under current and previous contracts.
- Others shared that the current state of friction/tension between the District and the faculty also is affecting students hearing that full-time faculty may teach overload assignments resulting in fewer class sections being offered. Concerns were voiced that administrative support for faculty appears to be wavering; a lack of respect and value for faculty effects both current and potential faculty members.

After much discussion, VP Epps asked for draft resolution language/ideas be sent to him within the next week.

I. Reports – none

J. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.