

**ADOPTED MINUTES  
IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE  
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
*Special Meeting***

Location: Room 411 / Time: 1:15 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 31, 2017**

Chairman, Dr. Martha Garcia called the special meeting of the Student Affairs Committee to order at 1:21 p.m. in Room 411.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT	FACULTY	CLASSIFIED	STUDENTS
	Robert Baukholt Kristen Gomez Terry Norris	Norma Santana	Brianna Guzman
<b>NOT PRESENT</b>	Jeff Beckley, <i>Excused</i> Gilbert Campos, <i>Excused</i> Tanya Dorsey, <i>Excused</i> Jesus Esqueda, <i>Excused</i> Carey Fristrup Rosalie Lopez Lorraine Mazeroll, <i>Excused</i> Jose Plascencia, <i>Excused</i> Javier Rangel Elizabeth Treviño, <i>Excused</i>	Isabel Contreras Maria Trejo, <i>Excused</i> Miriam Trejo, <i>Excused</i>	Benjamin Barajas, <i>Excused</i> Christine Bermudez, <i>Excused</i> Ubaldo Chavez, <i>Excused</i>
<b>VISITORS</b>	Efrain Silva, <i>Dean of Economic and Workforce Development</i> Melody Chronister, <i>College Council Chair</i> Sterling Cardoza, <i>Student</i> Mark Baza, <i>Imperial County Transportation Commission – Executive Director</i> Cesar Sanchez, <i>I.V. Transit – Operation Manager</i> David Aguirre, <i>I.V. Transit – Associate Transportation Planner</i> Jorge Gonzalez, <i>Student</i>		<b>RECORDER:</b> Saria Cardoza

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Public Transportation Presentation by Imperial County Transportation Commission**

Mr. Baza began by stating that the Imperial County’s Public Transportation is covered 85% through public funding. About 15 to 17 percent of bus fares are covered by the fees charged to clients utilizing this service. Mr. Baza stated that IVC students are critical ridership of Imperial County public transportation and that he is willing to do as best as possible to support students’ needs.

Mr. Baza requested the following information from the college:

- Number of evening courses for the fall semester
- Number of riders that utilize or would likely utilize the I.V. Transit during the evening hours

Mr. Baza stated that I.V. Transit may have limited express routes; however, will meet with his team to discuss options for the evening students.

Mr. Aguirre asked if IVC would be able to provide him with the number of classes in the afternoon with specific time frames. The last bus from IVC to Calexico, leaves at 10:00 p.m. but it is not an express route bus. A student leaving IVC at 10:00 p.m. on route to Calexico may arrive his/her destination at approximately 11:30 p.m. The last express route to Calexico leaves IVC at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Sanchez provided the following information regarding express routes:

- Six trips from Calexico to IVC in the morning
- Five trips from IVC to Calexico in the afternoon

Mr. Sanchez stated that regular routes leave IVC every hour throughout the day. If data reflecting students' needs is provided by the college, ICTC will be glad to evaluate the services.

Students who ride the bus pay a \$1.25 fare while the general population pays \$1.75, this is due to the subsidized program. Mr. Baza stated that the regular bus fare would be about \$10.00 without the subsidized program. Certain requirements must be met in order to continue to benefit from the subsidized program. The ridership fares are evaluated periodically to determine if fares need to be increased or decreased.

ASG Senator, Brianna Guzman conducted a PowerPoint Presentation to ICTC members, this presentation was presented to the Student Affairs Committee during the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The presentation concerns expressed by the student population. Ms. Guzman stated she never utilized the transit system but knows of many students who have shared their frustrations. This item was brought forward during the Curriculum Committee since several students schedule their class schedules around the Imperial Valley Transit schedule. Many students do not have the opportunity to take evening courses because the latest express route leaves IVC at 5:30 p.m. Some of the students' concerns are reflected below:

- Constantly delayed
- Bus drivers drive extremely fast
- Over crowded
- Students find themselves having to ride with strangers just to avoid being late or taking the bus too late during the day
- Students tend to be late or leave early from class to be able to catch the bus

Ms. Guzman stated that students from Niland do not take evening courses because public transportation is not available.

Student, Jorge Gonzalez shared his personal experience. He lives close to a bus stop in Calexico and often sees students running after the bus because sometimes the bus drivers do not stop.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that students seem desperate to catch the bus. He added that he feels students are placing themselves in danger and that this is a safety concern. Mr. Gonzalez was informed that overcrowded buses are not allowed to stop at all the bus stops due to limited capacity.

Ms. Chronister suggested to increase fixed routes to and from IVC to better serve students. However, Mr. Sanchez stated that adding an additional 70 minute fixed route would be very difficult due to affordability.

Dr. Garcia thanked the students for their input and commended Ms. Guzman for advocating for the students. Dr. Garcia stated that IVC will work on collecting the data necessary as well as developing an action plan. The students' concerns will be discussed during the next semester.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT – *The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.***

**V. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 14, 2017 @ 12:50 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Date

Respectfully submitted by:                     *Saria Cardoza*