

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE  
Health & Sciences Division  
FIRE Programs Advisory Meeting**

**Tuesday – 4/26/2016 – 12:00 – Heber Fire Station**

| Membership |                               |                    |
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|            | Advisory Members              | Department         |
| X          | Estrada, Jr., Alfredo – Chair | IVC Fire & Faculty |
| X          | Malek, Robert                 | IVC Fire & Faculty |
|            | Herbert, Ken                  | IVC Fire & Faculty |
| X          | Flores, Sal                   | IVC Fire & Faculty |
|            | Peraza, Chuck                 | Brawley Fire       |
|            | Jose Zaragoza                 | NAF El Centro      |
| x          | Eloy Martinez                 | IVC Fire & Faculty |
| x          | John Green                    | IVC FIRE & Faculty |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Malek and Flores

**REPORTS AND/OR UPDATES**

**1) Fire Accreditation – State Report (Alfredo Estrada, Jr.)**

- Purchase of safety equipment for Wildland fire training
- Ongoing replacement of Wildland firefighting equipment
- Ongoing involvement of replacement of PPE Structure gear and firefighting training equipment and props.
- An updated fire technology report will be sent officially to OSFM on 5/20/16.

**2) Review & Approval of Program Performance (Alfredo)**

- Reviewed Labor Market Information from the [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/) website and discussed performance of the following programs:
  - Fire Technology – Success Rates and Completion Rate of ‘core’ courses offered online need to be improved.
    - **Recommendation:** Request made to move forward with offering Fire Officer level courses locally. Suggestion was made to put together a cohort of students to take the Fire Officer level courses and continue with the Fire Chief level courses.
      - Course outlines of the new/revised courses from the State grid need to be developed.
      - Members will meet in ‘work groups’ to begin the process.
      - Tina to facilitate the dates and meetings.
  - Firefighter I-Fire Academy Certificate – Success rate is above average with 18 students to be completing in June 2016, and over 27% being hired locally.

- **Recommendations:** Move toward continuing development of online or hybrid delivery of courses
  - Two initial specific courses required for all instructors wishing to teach online or hybrid via Blackboard (in total five courses must be completed within 3 years. Courses address pedagogy as well as online course development. Canvas will be replacing the Blackboard platform.
  - Faculty and the developed online course must be approved by IVC Distance Ed Committee prior to any offering

**3) Perkins Funding of 2016-17 Academy Program (Alfredo Estrada, Jr)**

- The new proposal calls for equipment such as Thermal Imagers, Air Machine, Confined Space Equipment, Vehicle Extrication Equipment, and vehicle Fire Training Prop.

**4) Fall 2016 Schedule (Laura Hartsock)**

- Core classes and Driver Operator 1A & 1B will be offered in Fall 2016

**5) Other**

- Representation from all local fire departments needed to support recommendations for IVC Fire programs.

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6) Academy Graduation – Thursday, Dates will be asserted in the following week.**

- Graduation to be proposed to be held in the new fire tech building.

**7) Community Activities**

- No report at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Perkins 2016-17 – Approved proposal for equipment: Thermal Imagers, Air Machine, Confined Space Equipment, Vehicle Extrication Equipment, and vehicle Fire Training Prop

**ADJOURNMENT**

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