



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Science Department
Monday, April 18, 2016 12:50 p.m.
Room #2727

Mission: The mission of Imperial Valley College is to foster excellence in education that challenges students of every background to develop their intellect, character, and abilities; to assist students in achieving their educational and career goals; and to be responsive to the greater community

Minutes

Members in attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alto Benedicto | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas Morrell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eddie Chang | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Moss |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Chien | <input type="checkbox"/> Ashok Nainpally, Dean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alex Cozzani | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jia Sun |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samuel David | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Pendley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Fisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Nan Everly |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Gilison | <input type="checkbox"/> Grace Espinoza |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Russell Lavery | <input type="checkbox"/> Said Cañez, Counseling Liaison |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behrang Madani | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Marty | |

Guests:

Recorder: Silvia Murray

- A. Call to Order by Daniel Gilison, SME Department Chair 12:58 @ p.m.
- B. Review and Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2016 were approved unanimously
M/S/C / A. Benedicto/K. Marty
- C. **Action Items**
- D. **Communications**
 - a. **ASG Student Awards- D. Gilison**
 - ✓ Informed faculty of the names of the student nominees that were submitted to ASG.
 - ✓ D. Gilison is assigned to give out 3 of the 4 awards.
 - ✓ The awards banquet will be held on June 3, 2016.
 - ✓ A. Benedicto will present the science award.
 - b. **Faculty Prioritization Results- D. Gilison**
 - ✓ Every year we do a program review but in the last few years we have done more detailed program reviews.

- ✓ In Program review we can request for more money, equipment and faculty.
- ✓ This year we requested 3 faculty positions. A Chemistry, Biology and Environmental Science.
- ✓ A special meeting of the Instructional Council is held to prioritize all faculty requests from 1 being highest priority to 10 being the lowest priority.
- ✓ Instruction Council meet and our requested positions were ranked as follows. Chemistry – 3, Biology – 8 and Environmental Science – 9.

c. REEF/iClicker Update – D. Gilison

- ✓ There are 3 or 4 faculty member who are interested in using the iClicker.
- ✓ J. Sun stated that there was a delay in getting the codes. He was able to run it in the morning and the results are better than a traditional quiz.
- ✓ The only issue with it is that Blackboard is not able to integrate with grade syncing feature.
- ✓ J. Sun is planning on taking a poll at the end of the semester or before the next meeting. To see which system the students prefer.
- ✓ All the students have the app and J. Sun has some borrowed iClickers.
- ✓ This cuts down on time, cost of printing and ink.
- ✓ If this is something that they would like to do then it will have to be an action item at the May 16th meeting.
- ✓ D. Gilison would like to meet with the four who use the system to get feedback before the next meeting.
- ✓ IF this is going to be implemented in Fall a decision needs to be made the end of the Spring semester. We would need to check grant and lotto monies to see if can purchase and receive the iClickers by June 30.

d. Cadaver Policy Update – D. Gilison

- ✓ The cadaver policy hasn't been discussed for a while and the faculty member involved in getting the cadaver is retiring at the end of the year.
- ✓ The department has had the cadaver for 5 years.
- ✓ Some of the issues is that the cadaver is dry, the smell is worse, not much to do on it and everything looks the same color wise. Not any real value to spend time on it.
- ✓ The courses that use the cadaver are Anatomy, AP 1 and AP 2.
- ✓ A final decision on the cadaver will be made once the new faculty person is hired.
- ✓ A few minor revisions will need to be made to the forms. The changes will be discussed at the May 16th meeting.

e. PLO Assessments – D. Gilison

- ✓ D. Gilison emailed everyone and received no response. PLOs needs to be assessed.
- ✓ Only one PLO from each program needs to be assessed.
- ✓ Susan volunteered to be the lead for the Life Science PLO
- ✓ Sam David volunteered to be the lead for the General Science PLO
- ✓ Alto Benedicto volunteered to be the lead for the Physical Science PLO
- ✓ D. Gilison will email this and the other information that he receives from J. Nelipovich.

f. Open Educational Resources – D. Gilison

- ✓ Several email have been sent out on this program. The school is looking for ways to reduce the cost of textbooks for students.
- ✓ There are free textbooks online that can potential be used.
- ✓ Students can download these textbooks in a PDF file.
- ✓ D. Gilison recommend that faculty take a look at these online textbooks for quality and see if this is something they are interested.
- ✓ Will bring this item at the next meeting.

E. Other

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F. Next Meeting

- ✓ May 16, 2016

G. Adjournment

- ✓ Chair Gilison adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.