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In organizations, real power and energy is generated through relationships. The patterns of relationships and the capacities to form them are more important than tasks, functions, roles, and positions.

- Margaret Wheatly *Leadership and the New Science*

FTES Enrollments at an All Time High

At the writing of this newsletter on September 5, 2008 IVC has enrolled 8448 headcount students and 2,979 Full-Time Equivalent Students. The credit hour per student is 9.56. The FTES and credit hour per student are new records for IVC. The FTES number reflects a 3.2% growth. Student headcount lags behind last year by 40 students.

The 3% growth figure is manageable in the 2008-09 budget. The growth is a product of an accommodating faculty that has willingly and voluntarily taken more students in their classes. In spite of a great effort to take as many

“crashers” as possible some students were not able to get their classes of choice. Basic Skills, ESL and Introductory level courses in English and math have exceeded capacity.

The administrative analysis of the growth indicates that growth may have been much higher had the district not imposed strict fee payment requirements. Students owing money to the college were required to either pay or secure their debt before enrolling. The net effect is more students in introductory courses than in advanced courses and fewer students taking career and technical programs where



equipment costs are high.

A final census enrollment report will be made at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 17th.



Foundation Luncheon Oct. 1

The IVC Foundation has set the date for the 12th Annual IVC Foundation Membership Lunch. The Pioneer Museum will be the site for this October 1st event. 125 members of the Foundation and the Foundation Board of Directors are expected to be in attendance. Charlie Hoskins, Foundation President, and Superintendent/President Ed Gould will address those in attendance. The event is sponsored by Sun Community Federal Credit Union and the proceeds will go to scholarships at Imperial Valley College.

Robertta Burns receives CCLC's Highest Alumni Honor

IVC Foundation Nomination Nets Distinguished Alumni Award



Robertta J. Burns, the recently retired Chief Executive Officer of Imperial County, and a 1971 graduate of IVC with an Associate in Arts degree in Math is one of five who will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Community College League of California's Annual Convention and Partners Conferences to be held at the Hilton Anaheim November 20-22, 2008.

The prestigious California

Community College Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented at the convention to alumni who are accomplished professionals and contributing citizens of their communities. The stories of the recipients of the awards remind us of the importance of a California Community College Education.

Robertta's family and IVC representatives will join her at the Saturday closing convention luncheon.

Others receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award are Khatchik H. "Katcho" Achadjian, Cuesta College, a business owner and a member of the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors; Douglas Barry, Los Angeles Harbor College,

and Los Angeles Fire Chief; Anthony Brandenburg, Palomar College, and a California Superior Court Justice; and David Valentin, Santa Ana College and Commander of Human Resources of the Santa Ana Police Department.



IMPACT OF SLO's



Student Learning Outcomes inform students and the public of the results of a higher education degree. Student Learning Outcomes allow faculty to develop curricula to meet the expectations of the institution and the discipline. SLO's allow assessments to be aligned with outcomes. The competencies a student receives from a course, degree, and program is evident.

New Voice over IP Telephone System Hits Snag

The new IVC Voice over IP system is operational in classrooms. Emergency calls can be made in every room on campus. Administrative use of the new system has been delayed however. The delay is due to the need to establish 30 new telephone "pairs" on campus in order to accommodate the new system. Full implementation of the system should be completed in September but a final date of completion has not been made available by the vendor.



College Council Hears from President Gould About Role

In an effort to enrich the roles and responsibilities of the College Council, President Gould addressed key issues aimed at strengthening participative government at IVC at the September 9th meeting of the Council.

After thanking the faculty for taking more than expected, thus resulting in a 3% growth in FTES, Dr. Gould shared his thoughts about the College Council. His approach was to talk about what it is and what it could be. He proposed that the Council and its committees focus on planning and improvement areas and move away from micromanaging. He explained that when the

College Council made a recommendation he would respond by their next meeting as to his position on their recommendations. He stated that there would be disagreements but when they occurred "we should disagree agreeably." He concluded his remarks by saying that if the College Council and he could not reach agreement on board items that he would take both recommendations to the board in the spirit of participative government.

In addition Dr. Gould asked the College Council to consider a Campus Beautification Committee, a "Greening Committee", and two task forces. One task force would review the

shared governance process and react to plans being developed to restructure committees. The second would be a repository for processes that needed improvement. Process improvement teams would then be appointed to improve the way things are done at IVC.

Dr. Gould concluded his remarks by asking the Council to demand reports from its subcommittees on a regular basis, and to observe colleagues doing the right things for students.

SNIPITS – Short News Items

Tom Paine Publishes

Val Rodgers informed the president's office that associate professor of business Tom Paine has recently published in September's issue of World Radio Magazine. The article discusses how Tom established portable radio operations aboard his sailboat in Mission Bay, moved that station to the mountains, and then moved the station to Ocotillo. At each location he was able to establish long distance contacts through HF (high frequency) and VHF (very high frequency) radio.



IVC Approached to be Site of Filming of Porky's

The Imperial Valley College Campus has been chosen as a site for filming the 2008 version of Porky's. This remake of an old film will look at using a couple of classrooms, the gym, locker rooms, the track and a "principals" office. Pictures were taken on September 5th. Filming would take place in early October. College officials will ensure that the instructional programs are not interrupted by encouraging weekend filming.

Great Press for 2+2 Programs

The Imperial Valley Press published an excellent

article explaining the Two Plus Two grant with SDSU-IV. The article by Jonathan Dale was published on Saturday, August 16th. Computer Science and Nursing are the subjects of what is hoped to be the first two programs of many that will lead to the creation of seamless transfer between IVC and SDSU-IV.

Howard Worthington

One of IVC's original Board members, Howard Worthington passed away on August 17th. Mr. Worthington a four time Board President, IVC Foundation member, and a member of the IVC Hall of Fame will be honored by a resolution and plaque awarded to his family at the September Board Meeting.

FACULTY AND STAFF ORIENTATIONS A Success

The Adjunct Faculty Orientation on August 21st and the Faculty and Staff Orientation on August 22nd were noted by many as very successful. A packed room of faculty filled room 2131 on August 21st. Adjunct faculty members heard from Efrain Silva, the coordinator of the activity, Dr. Gould, Kathy Berry, and Robin Ying Before breaking into department meetings.

On Friday August 22nd the welcome back orientation was said to be a great success by many. Dr. Gould's State of the College address was

highlighted in the IVPpress on Saturday, August 23. The real highlight of the day however was the late afternoon "Bingle." Bingle stands for Bingo and Mingle. The games, the intense bingo games, and the food were all outstanding. A special thanks to Vikki Carr, Lou Ayon, Linda Amidon, Mary Carter, and Martha P. Garcia for their contribution to the planning of the Bingle session.

A special appreciation also to Travis Gregory, the HR staff, Patty Robles and Lisa Cross of the Customer Service Committee for planning an outstanding morning session and many thanks to ASG for lunch.



IVC Awarded \$300,000 IID Grant

IVC was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the IID water mitigation funds to provide loan/grants for business development or expansion. Eligible applicants are required to complete the IVC/SBDC entrepreneurial training program and submit a business plan to a local advisory board made up of lenders and local business people. Successful applicants may qualify for up to a \$25,000 loan for equipment purchases.

Doing the Right Thing

IVC's faculty is to thank for allowing our FTES to grow while offering fewer classes. Faced with up to 100 "crashers" in some courses the IVC faculty went beyond expectations and met the students' educational needs. As a result IVC grew over 3% by Census Day.



Stalemate Continues

The Budget stalemate in Sacramento continues. It is beginning to cause a hardship in many districts. Although our reserves that came in at 18% will allow us to go further without using the TRANS.

Clery Act Report

As required by the Clery Act IVC posted a Security Information Bulletin. A female was assaulted by a known male assailant near the baseball field. The matter was turned over to the Imperial County Sheriff's Department.

IVC to End IC Involvement?

The administration is considering not applying to renew the SEIC grant with the state of California to chart artifacts in the west county area. IVC will work with the State of California to find a suitable new grantee.



Relationships are a non-negotiable necessity within creative community colleges.

John and Sueanne Roueche

Opportunity Knocks

The following items have been explored with various entities in the past week.

Representatives from Sunguard Technologies, the company that delivers the Banner ERP solution to IVC met with President Gould, Robin Ying and Jeff Cantwell to explore expanding relationships. Sunguard offers assistance with grant writing and development, and has consulting resources available for IT programs. IVC will continue to explore both possibilities.

Ed Gould, John Lau, and IVC Foundation President Charlie Hoskins are exploring possible partnerships and coordination with other area foundations including the Imperial Valley Foundation. Coordinated

and scheduled fund raising, and an incubator concept of bring foundations together to share staff are being explored.

Kathy Berry, Efrain Silva, and Ed Gould will be meeting with the warden of Centinela prison, Michael Smelosky to discuss a prison education program, and the possibility of bringing some of the prisons planter box benches to campus. Warden Smelosky (Ski) developed a prison education program with Palo Verde College that added 700 FTES.

KYMA TV, Channel 11 has contacted President Gould to explore having a facility on the IVC Campus. In addition they want to explore the possibility of a telecommunications program and internships.

Historically, community colleges have been urged to “respond to community needs” – a worthy and worthwhile educational goal for certain, but one that does not project the institution as the leader (or one of the leaders) of needed change in communities.

John and Sueanne Roueche

DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR IVC

\$2,100 for Foundation

The Welcome back “Bingle” activity on August 22nd raised \$2,100 for the foundation. Donations from Nielsen Construction (\$500), \$250 from architect Jimmy Saunders, over \$200 from the Academic Senate, \$150 from CMCA, \$100 from CTA, \$100 from CSEA, \$100 from attorney Frank Oswalt, gift cards to Starbucks from Reliance Communications, and IVC Merchandise from the Bookstore led the way.

Kudos

Carol Lee for providing outstanding services to Rosa Ramirez who is now the Finance director for the City of Holtville.

Eldon Caldwell for moving Larry Valenzuela’s equipment to Larry’s new office when Larry was on vacation.

Joe Serna for seeing that new chairs replaced old ones in several classrooms at the last moment before classes started.

Sharing Thoughts on IVC Excellence

County Supervisor and adjunct English faculty member Joe Maruca shared his thoughts about the IVC Climate and Culture. I am sharing his words with you because they simply make me proud to be a member of the IVC Community.

Dear Ed,

I don't know if you remember me, but my name is Joe Maruca, a member of the board of supervisors and an adjunct at the college, this being my third semester.

The reason I am writing this letter is to relate to you that the environment at the college is very positive, and I am very impressed, for what my opinion is worth. I have been a teacher, coach, vice principal, and superintendent for nearly 40 years in public schools, and I can tell you what I have experienced there at the college is as good as I have been exposed to. People have gone out of their way to help me when I needed help.

The staff is extremely positive and helpful. That includes the grounds people who smile when I say hello, the secretaries, other classified personnel, and administration that help when a new adjunct like myself needs help because he/she has not quite caught on to the procedures. I have had only a positive experience at IVC since I have been there, and I commend the entire staff and administration for that attitude. It makes the school a place where students want to go and teachers want to teach.

Good luck in your tenure there at the college and please let me know if I can be of any help in the future. In the meantime, I will continue to teach my couple of English classes and have fun doing it.

Sincerely,
Joe Maruca, Ed.D.