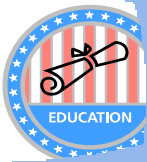




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UPDATING THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY ON EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND ISSUES IMPACTING IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

On IVC

"One key to successful leadership is continuous personal change. Personal change is a reflection of our inner growth and empowerment."

— Robert E. Quinn

Art Gallery Fundraising Project #1

IVC President Ed Gould and Imperial Valley College Foundation Board of Directors President Charlie Hosken announced that replacing the Art Gallery is the number one fundraising effort for the 2008-2009 academic year at the foundation's annual meeting and lunch on October 1st.

Tom Gilbertson and Carol Hegarty have met with school leadership, presented



conceptual drawings, and met with architect Jimmy Sanders. The IVC Foundation and IVC have initiated efforts to raise \$732,000. The good news is that \$182,000 has been received for the Holtville Train Station Art Gallery that was destroyed by fire in 2005. Imperial County has donated \$50,000 for the Centennial Pavilion at the new Gallery, \$11,700 has been raised to date by the IVC Foundation, architecture work will be donated by Jimmy Sanders, and a family has committed to paying for the "Contemplation Garden" in the name of their mother a former IVC art instructor.



\$488,300 during the 2008-2009 academic year through donations, a donor wall to honor those who donate, and naming opportunities for large gifts. IVC faculty, staff, administrators, and others can donate through a payroll deduction. If you are interested in contributing to the new Art Gallery contact Christy Hisel at the Foundation.

The goal is to raise the remaining _____

Wind Zero Donates \$10,000

The IVC Foundation received a \$10,000 scholarship donation from Brandon Webb, Chief Executive Officer of Wind Zero. Charlie Hosken, IVC Foundation President, Christy Hisel, IVC Foundation Director, and Dr. Ed Gould accepted the generous gift at the IVC Foundation's Annual Membership meeting and lunch on October 1. Wind Zero is developing a law enforcement training center in Ocotillo and working with IVC to see that the IVC Police Academy becomes a reality.



Accreditation Progress Report Topic of Special Board Meeting



Accreditation Team Visit

On Wednesday, October 8th the Board of Trustees will hold a Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve the first of two progress reports required to move IVC off of "accreditation warning" status. Assuming a successful progress report this year, followed by a campus visit, and another report in October of 2009, the "Warning" status should be removed.

The Progress Report addresses recommendations 1, 3,5,6 of the 2007 Visiting Team.

Recommendation #1 asked IVC to integrate and implement an effective Strategic Planning Blueprint. The report details how Program Reviews trigger the Strategic Plan and its facilities, finance, and education master plans. In addition, a sustainable annual timeline for reviews is outlined. A new position of Director of Planning, Grants and Development will ensure the implementation of the new integrated planning efforts.

Recommendation #3 asked that IVC publications be reviewed to ensure that information important to students be readily available. The recommendation focused on the IVC Nondiscrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Financial Aid information. The Progress Report stipulates the changes made by IVC.

Recommendation #5 called for the development of a new Technology Plan and

Recommendation #6 called for defined committee roles and decision-making processes. Changes are highlighted in the Progress Report.

State Budget Finally Receives Governor's Signature

Following the longest delay in California history, Governor Schwarzenegger approved a compromise budget that pleases no one.

Highlights of the approved budget for Community Colleges include a .68% Cost of Living Adjustment, 2% COLA, the continuation of Cal Grants for qualified students, and the continuation of categorical programs in Student Services.

The IVC budget is going through the Shared Governance process and will go to the Board of Trustees on October 15, 2008.

Appreciation Expressed to all who worked on the Accreditation Progress Report

In the true spirit of participatory governance the following people are thanked for the excellent work on the Accreditation Progress Report.

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SNIPITS – Short News Items

Kathy Berry on the Cover of Valley Women Magazine

Vice President for Academic Services Kathy Berry is featured on the cover of the Fall 2008 edition of Valley Women Magazine. In an article entitled "The Valley girl thinking about the Valley's Future," Kathy's road to success in her chosen career is outlined. The article explains the joys of administrative influence and decision-making. Kathy concludes the interview with the statement..."I don't stop the journey I'm on, I let it unfold for me."



Tina Aguirre also Featured in Valley Women Magazine

In addition to a wonderful story on Kathy Berry, Valley Women's Magazine, Fall 2008 edition features IVC's Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Justina "Tina" Aguirre. Like Kathy, Tina is a graduate of IVC that has gone on to a successful career in nursing, hospital administration, and has recently joined the IVC administration.

Facilities Plan Begins to Take Shape

The IVC Ten-Year Facilities plan is beginning to take

shape. The plan designed to complement the Educational Master Plan and the Strategic Plan focuses on the current IVC campus and needed improvements. The plan is scheduled to begin this year. 2008-2009 efforts will focus on parking lot and traffic flow improvements. The opening of the southwest and northeast entrances, and the beginning of modernization of existing campus classroom buildings, the completion of the Bus Transfer, and the building of new parking lots on the southwest side of campus will all be completed in the coming year. A new modular unit, possibly for KYMA TV, may be added. The HR Building will also be relocated this academic year.

What is the New Strategic Planning Committee?

The nature of strategic planning will prompt institutional self reflection and deliberations as to how the college can improve to meet the needs of a diverse student population. The Strategic Planning Committee will develop IVC's Strategic Plan after receiving input from the Educational Master Plan on the prioritized short and long-term goals of the institution. The goals of the Strategic Planning Committee is to ensure that the integrity of the planning process is maintained from data input, program review, technology plan, facilities plan, staffing plan, fiscal plan, and the educational master

plan through the submission of the final recommendations and planned strategies.

The Strategic Plan will address how the District can best implement the planned improvements based on the institutional resources, required/desired time frames, and final recommendations and strategies of the Educational Master Plan, all in line with the District's mission and vision.

The Strategic Plan will be redeveloped every six years to correspond with the college accreditation cycle, and updated annually to incorporate current environmental scan information.

What is the Small Business Development Center (SBDC)?

The Imperial Valley College Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) provides management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. The SBDC offers one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance at the El Centro Extended Campus location. The program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, education, federal, state and local governments and is an integral component of Entrepreneurial Development's network of training and counseling services.

Doing the Right Thing

Great appreciation to Gaylla Finnell, advisor to the SPA students, Sergio Lopez, Associate Dean of Student Services and the members of the SPA Club and the ASB Officers for their efforts to register students to vote. Nothing is more important to citizenship.



Women's Volleyball Excels

In case you have not been following Jill Tucker and the women's volleyball team, you may be missing IVC excellence.

Accolades Appreciated

Thanks to each of you who have expressed appreciation for this newsletter. To make it even richer please do not forget to submit your e-mails to the President's Office on IVC personnel doing good things.

David Poor Exemplifies Service Qualities

Recently David Poor handled a very sensitive and emotional grievance from a student who wanted to drop after the deadline. The student left satisfied and David is credited for saving a student enrollment.



"Much of leadership is about finding balance between two often-conflicting activities: asserting authority and responding to others' needs."

— Belle Linda Halpern and Kathy Lubar
Leadership Presence

New Laws

The Governor signed into law a number of pieces of legislation that will impact community colleges.

SB 1370 which amends Ed Code 66301, 94367 prohibits an employee including student newspaper advisors from being dismissed, suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, or otherwise retaliated against by a college or university solely for acting to protect a student engaged in free speech articles in the student newspaper. The bill also clarifies the civil action a student can bring against the college or university for violations of his/her free speech.

Penal Code 626

(i) Any person who, without the written permission of the college or university president or chancellor or his or her

designee, brings or possesses a less lethal weapon, as defined in Section 12601, or a stun gun, as defined in Section 12650, upon the grounds of or within, a public or private college or university campus is guilty of a misdemeanor.

12601. (a) "Less lethal weapon" means any device that is designed to or that has been converted to expel or propel less lethal ammunition by any action, mechanism, or process for the purpose of incapacitating, mobilizing, or stunning a human being through the infliction of any less than lethal impairment of physical condition, function, or senses, including physical pain or discomfort.

AB2261 The Board of Governors is authorized to establish a competitive grant pilot program that would provide faculty and staff with the information, methods, and instructional materials to establish open education resource centers.

DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR IVC

Problem-Solving at IVC

Two separate recent technological programs, one in Business Classrooms and another at the Calexico Extended Campus needed problem solving intervention. Dr. Robin Ying, Gordon Bailey, Jeff Cantwell, and staff worked through the issues with Val Rodgers, Efrain Silva, the faculty, and staff of both computer labs to demonstrate on how cooperative problem-solving works to improve student learning.

Kudos

Toni Pfister for the outstanding SLO Newsletter that allowed the expression of supportive and contrarian points of view. **Dennis Carnes**, and **Ron Gage-Mosher** expressed the academic objections to the WASC required SLO process clearly and effectively. As an academician, I completely agree with their point-of-view, and will continue to fight for that point-of-view. As your president who wants IVC to attain full accreditation, I thank all of you for doing what must be done.

"The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been."

— Henry Kissinger

Fall 2008 Student Educational Goals

