

## ACCREDITATION TEAM VISIT

Once again I want to thank the total campus community for all of the work that was entailed in getting us ready for the Accreditation visit March 11 through 14. While there were some last minute surprises due to a change in committee chair, everyone responded very well and demonstrated great flexibility in getting information as it was requested. While we will not know the status of our accreditation for several months yet, I feel there were no surprises in the team's debrief with us. Below are the Values/Qualities and Recommendations they left with us.

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### Values/Qualities were as follows:

1. The college values the quality of student learning.
2. Students value the quality of faculty and services of the college.
3. The excellence that IVC shows in its college catalog.
4. Even with financial difficulties, the college still shows evidence of commitment to quality for students.
5. The college has a good starting point for a new process of data gathering for decision making.
6. The college mission statement includes responsiveness to the community and this was evident in many ways:
  - Visioning
  - The partnership with San Diego State University
  - The bus transportation work that has been accomplished both by staff and students
7. The new building constructed which shows leadership in environmental design.
8. Bringing FCMAT into the college to assist and widely disseminating that report



### Recommendations:

1. Faculty and others responsible for SLOs have the effectiveness of producing those outcomes as a component of their evaluations.
2. Consistently assess and document progress for institutional goals, student achievement, SLOs, and Student Support Services using data and other evidence.
3. Regularize and document planning calendars and identify cycles for all planning processes. There is a lot of dialogue and collaborative work but there needs to be some clearer pathways to how that work is used.
4. Systematically evaluate professional development programs and use those evaluations for improvement.
5. Evaluate a complete assessment process for SLOs including information competency to assure continuous quality improvement.
6. Develop a financial strategy resulting in balanced budgets matched with ongoing revenues meeting or exceeding expenditures without using reserves.
7. Maintain a prudent reserve level and address funding for retiree health benefits costs.

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## IVC SUMMER SCHOOL

Imperial Valley College will be offering two different summer sessions specifically designed to meet the needs of continuing college students as well as local high school students who are seeking to take courses after they graduate in June.

I want to thank our faculty and other instructional and student services staff members for designing such a flexible and student-friendly summer schedule.

The first general summer session, which will run Monday through Friday from May 20 to June 20, has been designed for current IVC students who wish to continue taking classes after the IVC Spring 2013 term

ends on May 10.

The other general summer session, a six-week course of study, will begin June 24 and run through August 1. This separate session will run four days a week (Monday through Thursday) and is available to new high school graduates as well as returning IVC students.

Priority registration for all sessions runs from April 22 through May 6. Students new to IVC as well as students who are currently in grades K-12 may begin registering May 6.

*Spread the word!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13:

*IVC's Annual Spring Gala*

Barbara Worth Country Club

6:00 p.m.

For more information visit the website

[www.imperial.edu/gala](http://www.imperial.edu/gala)

April 18:

*Retiree, Years of Service, Tenure Recognition*

College Center, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

and *Juanita Salazar Lowe Plaque Dedication and Student Exhibit*

Art Gallery, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's outstanding booth at the California Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta. Special thanks go to Patty Robles for her coordination of staffing and to Mike Nicholas for his decorations.

The Foundation Office recently coordinated an Athlete's are Readers outreach with IVC Basketball players at Hedrick Elementary.

**Everyone have a wonderful SPRING BREAK!**