

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE**  
**Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division**

**SPECIAL MEETING – New Building**

**Minutes**  
**March 10, 2009**  
**Room 410**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:52 p.m.

**FULL TIME MEMBERS PRESENT**

S. Alvarado, D. Carnes, R. Castrapel, A. Chien, A. Cozzani, S. David, J. Fisher, D. Gilison, O. Hernandez, R. Lavery, K. Marty, T. Morrell, S. Moss, B. Nilson, P. Pauley, B. Riehle, and L. Zhao, Chair.

**FULL TIME MEMBERS ABSENT**

J. Higginson, E. Lehtonen, A. Leon (excused), A. Orensztein, M. Shokoufi, A. Voldman (excused), and S. Zobell (excused)

**ADJUNCT MEMBERS PRESENT**

S. Burch

**STAFF PRESENT**

C. Cortés-Ramirez, O. Duarte, N. Everly, A. Galeana, R. Marin, and M. Reyes

**STAFF ABSENT**

None

**COUNSELING LIAISONS**

K. Gomez and L. Mazeroll

**GUESTS**

K. Berry, E. Gould, and C. Lee

**DIVISION MATTERS**

*Future Division Meetings:* L. Zhao announced that for future meetings, she would like to see us go paperless. It was suggested to print only the agenda. All of the attachments will be displayed using the projector. If anyone requests a hard copy, the Division Office will provide that packet.

*New Building:* L. Zhao stated that this special meeting was called to discuss the Division's concerns and issues related to the new building. L. Zhao thanked all those that attended including E. Gould and K. Berry. She emphasized the importance of keeping the communication lines open between the Division and Administration and try to reach some kind of consensus.

E. Gould thanked the Division for the opportunity to explain what has been done and clarify some of the e-mails that have been going around. He read part of the actual language from the ballot. He read that to give us a background as to where Administration is coming from as to the Science Building. He stated, "As you can see there is no statement of the Science Building where they put the purpose of operating laboratories. And it has some specific programs that are not going into that building... Let's keep in mind really what the public passed and this is the language. I know all of you have perceptions of what the public passed." He added, "The District has the right to assign space... And I have every intention of using the District's rights to do that." He went on to mention that L. Zhao was asked to develop a schedule to use the facility from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. He went on to add, "The State funds us based on current use. When we asked Lianna what the instructions given to her by the "then" Administration – and frankly I know that a lot of you are talking about the

“then” Administration, but the “then” Administration isn’t here now. You will be dealing with this Administration. I want to make that real clear to you... So that building has to be used at capacity... or we will not be getting State funding.”

E. Gould went on to say, “Some of you are worried about the office space allocation and why I decided that Kathy would be moved in to that facility. The biggest reason I decided is the greatest accumulation of faculty will be in one place – in the new Science Building... That’s the background and I don’t apologize for my responsibility as the President of the institution to assign space according to the direction that the Board gives me... But we have asked you and your Division Chair to give us your opinions and views first before we assign space to other areas...” He emphasized that the ballot language he read earlier did not specify office space for Science faculty. “We’re not going to do that but we certainly could.”

E. Gould expressed his concern over the salt water aquarium. He stated that often times they get neglected due to lack of funds. A brief discussion followed. No one seems to recall who suggested the aquarium and made the final decision.

D. Carnes stated that he appreciated his statements. He added that he didn’t feel that the Division was “complaining” about sharing classrooms. He asked about other plans for the building outside our Division. E. Gould stated, “The intent is to have the Instruction Office and English Division move into that building... Other than that we don’t have other concerns...” Discussion followed. E. Gould also expressed concern over the lecture hall (which will seat 128). Certain courses from other Divisions will be using that hall. Another concern was the use of the wet labs. E. Gould added that he has talked to SDSU about using our labs. Locally they are interested.

K. Berry stated, “It is very difficult to have a lecture in a lab. Sometimes it’s not safe. The ideal is to have the lecture in the classroom and the labs in the labs...” A possibility that she has discussed with L. Zhao is to use the lecture hall for combined lectures and split the labs. Discussion followed about wet labs versus dry labs. K. Berry added, “As for the offices. It is true that I have been asked to move.” E. Gould added, “Been asked by me.” K. Berry continued, “Been asked by the President... At this point in time it looks like I will move there... It could be another dean, I don’t know, we’ll see.” She has read the e-mails from faculty requesting private offices. She stated that there are so many offices in that building. There is room for everyone in Math, Science, and English. She has the office layout and has plugged in names. Additional discussion followed on the use of wet labs and dry labs.

T. Morrell expressed his concern over not enough Anatomy and Physiology classes and how has to turn away so many students. He asked about priority in terms of growth in using classrooms. K. Berry stated that you don’t get priority in terms of faculty, that’s a whole college decision. As far as if he wanted to teach overload, he does have priority. Discussion followed. T. Morrell also expressed his concern over Open Lab, which currently is very limited. K. Berry asked about the rooms designated as study groups in the new building. L. Zhao clarified that those are student breakout areas which will hold up to 6 students. E. Gould stated that those spaces get absorbed with growth. K. Berry suggested creating a supplemental course.

R. Castrapel asked what the plan was for Computer Science. L. Zhao stated that there was one classroom designated for Computer Science use. K. Berry stated that at this point in time there was no classroom designated for Computer Science. R. Castrapel expressed his concern over having 22 students with only 20 computer stations. L. Zhao stated that the CS classroom was discussed with J. Sanders. L. Zhao added that there a few Math classes that are computer delivered who currently are using the Math Lab. Those classes would also use the CS classroom in addition with an AG class that is also computer delivered. E. Gould expressed his concern in the utilization of the classroom. Discussion followed on all other classes that will be able to use that classroom.

P. Pauley asked about the shop space he would like set up in the 1300 building. K. Berry stated that there is no space for Art. P. Pauley asked if this request has been factored in. E. Gould stated that it is likely to be the 10 year plan.

E. Gould mentioned that the District will be looking for another bond and going to the public in June 2010. He explained his rationale. If that Bond passes, the Career Tech building will be the first to be built because of the commitment made to them.

B. Riehle expressed her concern over all rooms being carpeted, which is not what had been agreed on. She added that along with that change, she stated that many hours were spent on everything from the plans, to floors, etc... She added

that it is very disturbing how things have changed. E. Gould stated that no one has changed the plans. Discussion followed.

Other issues discussed was the move of Instruction to the new building, using the 1300 building for AG, disgruntled community members that will help defeat the next bond proposed, the voters finding out that what they voted on will now benefit Administrators and how that may upset some, hiring instructors (E. Gould stated that no hires will be done until the budget is balanced), and the Planetarium.

N. Everly asked if the District has a plan set for the cost of moving the chemicals – will there be help hired. E. Gould stated that someone will be hired to take care of that task. N. Everly added that at that time lots of chemicals will need to be disposed of. L. Zhao added that we do have a chemical inventory.

K. Berry stated that they are testing furniture – companies will be bringing in their furniture to test.

### **OTHER**

*Board Special Meeting:* T. Morrell asked regarding lay-offs and cutting faculty. K. Berry stated that all positions approved last year are safe this year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

cc: E. Gould, Superintendent/President  
K. Berry, Vice President for Academic Services

*Approved on May 28, 2009  
Recorder: Carol Cortés-Ramirez*