



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
 English as a Second Language
 Regular Meeting, Monday, April 9, 2018
 12:50 p.m.

Present:	√ John Clarkson	√ Elizabeth Kemp	√ Sydney Rice (Chair)
	√ Alex Garza	√ Leticia Pastrana	√ Ed Scheuerell
	√ Diane Harris	√ Josefina Ponce	
Absent:	Julie Craven (Leave)		
Visitors:	Nicol Clark-Nat Geo Rep		
Recorder:	Lency Lucas		

I. Call to order

The ESL Department meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chair Rice.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2017

Minutes of December 4, 2017
 (M/S/C J. Clarkson/A. Garza-The minutes were approved as presented)

Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2018

Minutes of March 3, 2018
 (M/S/C J. Clarkson/L. Pastrana-The minutes were approved with corrections)

III. Updates

a. Academic Senate Update

D. Harris mentioned that the Academic Senate meeting will be on Wednesday.

Chair Rice shared that there are two more resolutions that are going to Academic Senate that she has asked Mary Lofgren to support. One is that students are told they have the option of taking the ESL placement or taking ESL classes if they are coming out of high school ESL. Counselors cannot tell students coming out of high school they will go into English. Students will be given the information to make an informed decision on where they feel they will learn best.

Chair Rice was unable to remember the other item.

b. Basic Skills

Chair Rice mentioned that the basic skills meeting will be on Wednesday.

Eventually Basic Skills will be merged with Integrated Student Success.

c. ESL Club

Club advisor Garza thanked faculty for allowing students to speak during their classes. The next ESL clubs first meeting will be Wednesday at 12:50pm in room 211. Advisor Garza will send out an email reminder to all faculty.

d. Curriculum

i. ESL 106 and ESL 107

ESL 106 and ESL 107 both passed Curriculum Committee with only one objection from a Transfer Center counselor. The abstention came from the person representing Academic Senate. This was odd because last year Academic Senate approved this plan. The next person to approve is Dr. Martha Garcia acting CIO. Chair Rice will be sending a note to Dr. Garcia regarding their discussions on how to re-envision ESL at the state level; we are going to be looking at transferable classes and asking for area C2. Everybody loved that, including the Chancellor's office; they will be coming forth with a recommendation for ESL departments to explore options like asking for C2, Humanities transferability. We are not only ahead of the curve but we are cutting edge.

ii. Curriculum Updates

All grammar classes must be reviewed. Moving ESL levels 1 & 2 to non-credit is still being discussed. We are no longer in need of FTES. Academic year 2018-2019 all stays the same. Levels 1-107 will be seen for revision.

The results for the Distant Education addendum will be included for classes put in through curriculum. To offer hybrid courses you need to have an addendum. E. Kemp and Chair Rice will be offering 2 hybrid courses; meeting 3 hours a week in class. Most listening will be done online so that in class they can concentrate on pronunciation and speaking.

IV. AB 705

Changes required from AB 705 will have to be implemented by 2020. English and Math have until 2019. There is still a lot of discussion of re-imaging what ESL looks like; maybe making all of the skills as individual courses. The only thing that seems different is making a 6 or 7-unit class that includes reading, writing and grammar all together. This will not save any units it will just integrate it more. We are still pushing for an assessment to be used for placement or recommendations.

Legislator Jackie Irwin who wrote the original AB 705 listens to what we say as representatives from CATESOL; advocates from CATESOL are being looked at as experts. We will be asking for her help in getting the CSU to accept ESL as foreign language credit. We have to maximize the possibility to get students to take transfer level English course within a three-year period of time (Levels 3, 4, 5, 106 & 107, 110).

L. Pastrana mentioned that part-time union lobbyist is trying to approve an 80% load instead of 67%.

V. Class Scheduling/Selection

Chair Rice asked faculty to please make sure they check the course offerings they picked so that there are no mistakes. All full-time faculty have selected classes and now we are allowing K. Howell, C. Spence and S. Simpson to choose if they are interested in teaching any ESL class. Part-time faculty will be the next to choose courses available.

Winter and Spring semester courses will both be selected in May.

VI. ESL Festival – Thursday, May 3rd

Due to cost savings we will be re-ordering sandwiches (turkey, ham and roast beef \$29.99/24) from Costco for the ESL festival. Prices for items will be gathered by L. Lucas. ESL club advisor A. Garza will help create the slideshow. If any students do not want their picture taken they can just stand on the side. An email will be sent out by Chair Rice for more information and to sign up for different jobs.

VII. Department Chair Nominations/Elections

The floor was open for nominations:

J. Clarkson nominated Chair Rice. No one else was nominated. Chair Rice agreed to serve another term as Chair. L. Pastrana asked that when any voting items are placed on the agenda, more time be given for consideration.

VIII. For the good of the order

Faculty were asked for recommendations for the Student of the Year Award. Chair Rice will send out a survey for any recommendations. D. Harris recommended Ramon Vitela from her level 4 class; she shared he has excellent editing skills, E. Kemp agreed he always turns his work in time, shows full effort and is always wanting/eager to improve, E. Scheuerell stated he is always helpful to other students.

Chair Rice announced Adriana Torres as an eight week full-time temporary faculty member. She will be covering two of J. Cravens classes plus her regular load.

Nicol Clark from publishing company National Geographic gave a textbook presentation of new/updated textbooks/TED talks available from National Geographic.

IX. Adjournment (Next Meeting – Monday, May 7, 2018: 2721)

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.