

IVC Academic Senate

Approved Minutes

October 17, 2007

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 by President Seivertson
- II. Roll Call
 - Present: Krista Byrd, Suzanne Gretz, Melanie Guinn, Cesar Guzman, Michael Heumann, Carol Lee, Mary Lofgren, Bobbie McClain, Barbara Nilson, Norma Nuñez, Thomas Paine, Bruce Seivertson, Kevin White, Lianna Zhao, Sherry Zobell, Kathy Berry, Dennis Carnes, David Lopez
 - Excused: John McClain, Armando Mendez, Rosa Pitones
 - Absent: Dave Drury, Russell Lavery,
 - Visitors: Jeronimo Garay, Gonzalo Huerta, Pat Pauley, Gary Rodgers, Val Rodgers
- III. **Visitor Comments**
 - Bobbie McClain – She is taking her students to the Campus Operations meeting tomorrow to ask if they can plant a tree on campus in memory of the IVC student that was killed last week.
- IV. **Information/Correspondence**
 1. President’s Comments – President Seivertson will be attending the State Academic Senate meeting in Anaheim. SLOs will be one of the topics discussed at this meeting.
 2. Treasurer Nunez reported on the balance of the Senate funds - \$3637.90
- V. **Consent Agenda**
 1. M/S/C (Nilson/Nunez) to approve the minutes of October 3, 2007 as corrected and to approve the Board resolutions reflecting the C&I Committee’s latest recommendations for program and course additions, revisions and deletions, which were attached to agenda. Senator Guinn feels that the minutes do not represent the content of the meeting. This will be put as a discussion item for next meeting.
- VI. **Academic and Professional Matters**
 1. Accreditation Report – CIO Berry reminded the Senate of the Accreditation Team’s visit next Tuesday – Thursday. There is a welcome reception for the team at 8:15 am. Items discussed included: evidenced based accountability, transfer rate, completion rate, retention rate, and using SLOs for evaluation.
 2. Dress Code – Suzanne Gretz – wanted to let the senate know that the CTA executive committee came out in opposition to the dress code. She would like the letter sent to the Associate Dean of Human Resources added to the minutes. It is attached at the end of the minutes.

M/S/C (Gretz/Guinn) to approve the following statement: “Faculty are professional employees. We are fully aware of the standards of our profession as teachers, scholars and collegiate representatives. Like professional in any area such as medicine or law, we perform our teaching, counseling or librarian duties autonomously. We are trusted by the college administration each and every day to fulfill our duties to the best of our abilities without direct supervision. We are entrusted with the lives and futures of hundreds of students every year. The imposition of a dress code is insulting to our professionalism and unnecessarily intrusive into our lives. We, the members of the Academic Senate hereby oppose the creation of a dress code for Imperial Valley College.” (2 nays, 3 abstentions)

Senator Nilson expressed her concern about voting for this motion without having discussed it with her division.

3. A.S. plaques in lunchroom – Senators Lofgren and B. McClain volunteered to refurbish and update the plaques in the lunchroom.

VII. Discussion

1. C and I – A lengthy and heated discussion ensued concerning the Curriculum Committee’s membership. Four pieces of information were disseminated: 1) the make up of other schools’ Curriculum membership (by email), 2) a course outline of record, 3) the Business Division’s progress report on SLOs, and 4) form one: New Course Proposal, Revisions and Deletions. The Senate was informed that items 2 and 4 take up 90 – 95% of the C&Is responsibilities. A sub-committee was formed to research and report back to the Senate their proposals for changes to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee on November 7th. The members of this committee are, Norma Nuñez (chair), Krista Byrd, Michael Heumann, Bobbie McClain, and Tom Paine. Ideas on membership that were discussed included: articulation officer, matriculation officer, less administrators voting, added division representation.
2. Emergency Procedures – On October 25, 2007 there will be a Statewide Emergency Response exercise. As by federal law, all faculty members are part of the response team. IVC needs to work on emergency policy. The Emergency Planning Committee members need to attend their meetings Without a quorum, policies cannot be made.

VIII. Committees

1. Budget and Planning – no meeting this month. Parking and traffic circulation will be discussed at future meeting.
2. C and I – meet tomorrow. There is a full docket , along with specialized training in curriculum that is mandated by the state
3. College Council – informed of the large number of online courses being offered at IVC
4. Equivalency –
 - Approved: Environmental Science, Biological Science, ESL, English

- Denied: Geography & Anthropology, Auto Tech, Sociology (2), Accounting, Business, Economics, AC & Refrigeration, CFCS, Psychology, Chemistry
 - Need to Confer: Speech, Philosophy (2), Archeology
5. Policies and Procedures Review – more page swapping
 6. Administrative Council – visioning, video from AWC, 99% of what the community asks for we are doing. How do we get that message out?

IX. Other

Senator Lee – Our catalogue should be the way we get the message out that we are doing what the community wants.

Senator Carnes - Concerns persist on the STRS problem. We still need a resolution to this problem

Senator Gretz – The State CTA rep is doing research on other schools that have a 16 week calendar. IVC's CTA is working on the problem.

Senator Nuñez – having a meeting with High School Counselors – Nov. 14, 10 – 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. M/S/C (Heumann/ Nuñez)