

President's Update #3

September 20, 2011

Redistricting

The IVC Redistricting Citizen's Advisory Committee will meet again at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday September 27** in the Board Room to finish revisions to draft scenarios in preparation for holding public workshops throughout the IVC District in October. All committee meetings are open to the public.

On Tuesday, September 20, the committee eliminated two scenarios from consideration (Scenarios 2 and 3) and modified Scenario 1. It will continue work on modifications to Scenarios 4 and 5. This again will be a working meeting with lots of interaction with the demographer. The committee will adjust the scenarios on the spot to see how boundaries would change using various data inputs.

All scenarios under consideration are posted on the redistricting website at <http://www.imperial.edu/faculty-and-staff/campus-committees/advisory-and-mandated-committees/redistricting/proposed-scenarios/scenarios/>

Partnership with CHP

IVC has agreed to a partnership with the California Highway Patrol that will help with compliance not only with California state laws regarding vehicle registration but also student residency requirements. The CHP will be driving through our parking lots periodically to identify vehicles that are not registered in the State of California. Information obtained from the CHP also will be provided to IVC to identify potential "out of state" residents who are not paying the appropriate out of state fees. Many of our local schools and government agencies are signed up with the CHP on this program.

College & University Day & Career Fair 2011

Imperial Valley College expects to host several thousand high school juniors and seniors, their parents, IVC students, and other interested community members on October 3rd for the eighth annual Career Fair and College and University Day. The Career Fair is designed to assist students in discovering challenging careers, promote the linkage between educational preparation and employment opportunities, and assist employers in identifying qualified potential job applicants. Traditionally, College and University Day has been the Valley's largest single gathering of representatives from public and private colleges and universities. The Career Fair will feature displays by about 50 local and regional employers, such as representatives from the armed forces, Homeland Security, public safety agencies, health care services, retail services, unions, utilities and environmental/conservation agencies.

IVC Journalism Students

Katherine Ramos, a former JRN100 student and a current JRN101 and WE201 student, has started an internship with the Imperial Valley Press. On her first day of interning, she filed a report that received a byline in the next day's newspaper. Then the Press requested an IVC student who might be willing and able to cover local high school football as a stringer/freelancer. Journalism instructor Gina Germani offered the Press one of our current JRN100 students-- Maria Rivas. You can read the story she filed for the Press on the Calipatria victory over Borrego Springs at <http://www.ivpressonline.com/sports/highschoolfootball/ivp-news-hornets-leave-rams-stung-480-20110917,0.6630051.story> Gina noted that "It's exciting for me to see my students' bylines in print and online in a professional venue." We want to congratulate Gina for the quality of education she is providing our Journalism students. And please look for both Katherine's and Maria's bylines in the local paper during the coming months.

Wait Lists

Beginning Spring 2012, IVC will begin using the Wait List functionality in Banner. Students attempting to register for a closed class section will have the option of placing themselves on the wait list. When or if a spot opens up in the class, the person at the top of the list will be sent an e-mail advising them that they have 24 hours to respond if they wish to register for the class. The Wait List function is the fairest way to determine who was next in line for a spot in the class and it is our hope that it will lessen the need to 'crash' classes during the first week of school.

Drops for Non Payment

In an attempt to limit the negative impact of reduced sections on the ability of students to enroll in the courses they need to graduate and transfer, IVC will reintroduce the drop for non-payment of fees. Beginning with Spring 2012, students will have 5 working ways to pay all fees associated with the current term or they will be dropped from their classes.

Some IVC numbers

- Our Fall Course Schedule represents a 10 percent decrease under the Fall 2010 Schedule with 936 classes and 25,935 seats available. Our Fill Rate is 102%, thanks once again to a Faculty that is committed to our students.
- All instructional labs report crowding and increased demand: 824 more students than last year.
- Over 3,000 students/day entered the Library during the first two days of classes to use 60 computers and 150 seats.
- \$4 million in financial aid funds will be disbursed this week.
- 900 new IVC debit cards have been ordered for students who will be receiving financial aid.

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