

President's Update #5

November 16, 2011

Redistricting

The Board will be holding the first of two public hearings today on Redistricting Scenarios. The Advisory Committee has evaluated the scenarios presented at the public workshops and has narrowed the choices to two: Scenario A and Scenario B1, which is a minor modification of B. Here is the link to the scenarios that will be discussed at the Public Hearing, which begins at 6 p.m. in the Board Room: <http://www.imperial.edu/faculty-and-staff/campus-committees/advisory-and-mandated-committees/redistricting/final-scenarios/>. A second public hearing will be held at the December 14 Board meeting, at which time the Board will vote on a final map that will be submitted to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

Budget

It's still all Gloom and Doom. This will be a moving target, but it is fairly certain the mid-year cuts will occur. We prepared for them in our budgeting for this year but the next several months will be critical as we look to an equally bleak 2012-13. I advise everyone to bookmark this link if you haven't already: <http://www.ccleague.net/>. It gives up-to-date information about the fiscal crisis and how it impacts the community college system.

Local Contracts

We will be holding a series of workshops over the next several weeks to educate local subcontractors with an objective of increasing their participation in upcoming IVC construction projects. The Board of Trustees is committed to hiring local firms to work on Measure "J" construction projects. This is following through on our commitment to the Valley to facilitate more local firms to be successful in the bidding process.

Lucia Diaz

Lucia Diaz, a former EOPS student of ours, has been making a name for herself and for us as she continues her education. She was part of a group of Latino students selected by Univision to participate in a workshop in Washington DC, which included some on the air time with news anchor Jorge Ramos the *¡Educate! Es el momento* campaign. Here are some links with more information on Lucia's honors—and please note she has not forgotten IVC: <http://oclatinolink.ocregister.com/2011/11/10/uci-student-lucia-diaz-your-professor-someday/>. And here is a video of her appearance on Univision, asking a question of Education Secretary Arne Duncan: <http://vidayfamilia.univision.com/es-el-momento/educate/your-education-is-our-future/video/2011-10-21/global-perspective-on-the-problem>

Registration Underway

Priority registration got underway this week for the Spring Semester and with it came implementation of several new procedures. You may have noticed the long lines of students at pay windows: from now on, students have 5 business days from the first point of enrollment to pay all fees generated as of that date or they will be dropped from all classes and waitlists. And speaking of waitlists, it is working. The first student went on our new waitlist Tuesday of this week. This Wait List option has been added for all classes. If students attempt to register for a class that is closed they may choose to have their name placed on the Wait List. Students will not be added if it is prior to their scheduled registration time, if they are already enrolled in, or on the Wait List for, another section of the same class; if the Wait List is full; or if the class has already started. This electronic process will greatly smooth out the first few days of the semester. By the way, as of Wednesday we had a headcount for Spring of 1,539.

Thank You Ag Department!

Our Ag Department once again thrilled youngsters from throughout the Valley with its Pumpkin Patch event that preceded Halloween. This year, it was spread over three days with a "Haunted Corn Maze" and Dunk Tank, hayrides, games and food on October 27 and 28 and Pumpkin Chucking, a greased pig contest and Pumpkin Carving on October 28. This has become an excellent annual event that really brings the community to campus.

Around Campus

- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Career Technical Building will be Dec. 16.
- A bid opening will be held on November 29, 2011, 2:00 p.m. for the IVC Bus Transfer Terminal Phase II project.
- 9,200 fee letters were mailed out on November 7. Students were notified that they have 30 days to pay any fees owed through Summer 2011. Fees not paid will be turned over to the Franchise Tax Board for collection through the Chancellor's Office Tax Offset Program (COTOP).
- IVC has highest number of financial aid in Region X. We are the only school that has totally caught up with providing financial aid to students. Congratulations to Financial Aid!

**And finally, here's wishing everyone a very
Happy Thanksgiving. Relax, eat lots of great
food and spend time with family and friends.**