



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
Agriculture
Advisory Committee
UADOPTED MINUTES

November 20, 2019
11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.
EWD Lounge

Those in attendance were as follows:

Efrain Silva, Industrial Technology Dean
Janeth Cruz, Internship Coordinator
Maricela Moreno, Student Success Specialist
Suellen Gonzalez,
Eddie Conner, Joran Implements
Michael Dahm, Desert Eagle Eye LLC
Lauren Layton, Primordia
Lauren Drewry, IVC student
Victor Lopez, Yara North America
Brea Mohamed, ICFB
Sutton Morgan, Morgan Family Farms/Primordia
Trevor Tagg, West-Gro Farms

I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Efrain Silva at 11:06 A.M.

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Committee introduced themselves. Mr. Silva thanked the Committee for being there and explained what their role was as a Committee.

III. UPDATE ON THE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Mr. Silva updated the Committee on the degrees offered for Agriculture. Mr. Kanyi informed the Committee that 13 out of 25 of his students transferred to U of A. Mr. Silva added that students who have transferred or those students who have completed their wages for non CTE programs went from \$13 to \$16 and those students who did not transfer but obtained their degree at IVC went from \$13 to \$22/ hour.

Mr. Kanyi informed the Committee that IVC has a partnership for the HEMP research. Lauren Layton and Sutton Morgan explained the HEMP research process and their plans for future crops. They have hired 6 student interns from IVC.

Mr. Kanyi explained to the Committee about the Ag benefit Grant which will help with a field to teach students how to produce. He also informed them about the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser that the Ag Club puts on every year and that it was successful. He mentioned that he hopes to expand the opportunities around the IVC field and create a 5 year plan with a grower.

IV. PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

Trevor Tagg wants to see IVC advocate for commercial agriculture, and meet the agriculturists more than halfway. It was recommended to add Ag Administration & Regulations class to educate students on real issues in the politics of Ag.

V. IVC AG FARM

Mr. Kanyi mentioned that he hopes to expand the opportunities around the IVC field and create a 5 year plan with a grower. It was suggested to communicate with growers farming near IVC to efficiently get work done on the field. Another suggestion from the Committee was to go to the Farm Bureau to propose joint venture on 12 acres presenting benefits first and restrictions around type, pesticide chemical restrictions and Economies of scale.

VI. OTHER SMALL AREAS OF NEED

It was suggested that the school should be helping the Ag community so we don't push kids out into an industry without support. It was also suggested that IVC should advocate support in the community to adapt with ever changing industry methods.

VII. SPONSOR/SUPPORT IVC AG PROGRAM

Brea Mohamed suggested to coordinate with a partner first then Farm Bureau can work on certain outreach opportunities. Michael Dahm suggested implementing local agriculturists concerns in the Environmental Science course. It was also suggested to offer extra credit opportunities for students to hear industry concerns.

There was another suggestion to implement automated irrigation to branch multiple courses. Committee mentioned that funding is an issue and will create the obstacle with private funding from growers.

VIII. OTHER

Committee suggested to create a plan with curriculum development on a new certificate program with irrigation, regulations, Ag Admin, accounting, and computer tech. Give learning opportunity through hands on projects and model after Cal Poly's programs. It was suggested seminars that can earn certification while doubling as promotional event for companies. It was mentioned that there is a shortage of Ag tech.

IX. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:47 PM