



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
Agriculture
Advisory Committee
UADOPTED MINUTES

November 2, 2023
12:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.
Room 2725

Those in attendance were as follows:

Tisha Nelson, IVC Staff Support Technician
Pat Barbee, IVC Diesel Faculty
Michael Kanyi, IVC Ag Faculty
Delbert Widmann, IVC Faculty
Cameron Tate, Five Crowns, Inc.
Steve Lopez, Rolling R.
Jairo Diaz, UC-DREC
J. Rollins, Rolling R.
Andres Martinez, IVC Department Chair
Richard Luna, IVC Student Success Specialist
Yolanda Tabarez, IVC Student
Maricel Moreno, IVC Career Services Center
Miguel Guterrez, GCCCD/IVC Liaison
Irene Drye, IVC Career Services Center
Eddie Conner, Jordan Implement
Stephen Benson, Benson Farms
Craig Elmore, Elmore Co./Desert Sky Farms
Genaro Ayala, IVC Career Services Center

I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Michael Kanyi at 12:04P.M.

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Kanyi welcomed everyone in attendance and all those were present introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2022

M/S/C: Delbert Widmann/Eddie Connor to approve the minutes of October 20, 2022.

IV.L2L Grant

Richard Luna explained to the committee about the Learning to Lead Grant program that is being offered to IVC students. 9 million 500 thousand spread out over 5 years. U of A, Hartnell College

There will be a workshop on Friday November 3rd and Margo Sanchez will be presenting.

V.DIESEL PROGRAM

Pat Barbee briefly explained to the committee about the Diesel Program that we offer and the equipment the students will be using in the classroom. Diesel has been expressed in the Ag industry to be needed.

VI.INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION PROGRAM

Delbert Widmann briefly explained to the committee about the Industrial Automation program. It was expressed by Ag industry that automation technicians were needed in the field.

VII.CHEMICAL LAB TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Miguel Guterrez briefly explained to the committee about the new Chemical Lab Technician program that we are working towards offering in Fall 24' as well as the objectives that will be part of the courses being offered within the program. Miguel also briefly covered the Instrumentation Technician program, which is also another new program and the courses that will be offered within the program. These programs will not be able to be offered in Fall 24' until we are able to show the labor market numbers rise.

VIII.CAREER SERVICES

Maricela Moreno explained to the committee her role as an internship coordinator through the career services center and how internships work for employers and students. There are paid and unpaid internship options for employers.

Irene Drye explained her role as a Work Based Learning coordinator, working with students and giving them the real-world opportunities to be ready to work in the industry.

Genaro Ayala explained his role as a Job Developer through the career services center. His goal is to develop relationships with the employers so when they have a staffing need, he can find students to help fill those positions.

IX.RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF AG FIELD

Pre-Covid we had an Ag field that in time began to fade away. We are currently working to re-establish the Ag field by early Spring to have our crops back in place and have students out doing hands on work in the field.

X.PROPOSAL OF BA IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Dean Silva explained to the committee that we are working on being able to offer bachelor's degrees at our college in Industrial Automation. August 2024 we will be submitting the application and finding out by April of 2025 if it was accepted and hope to be able to offer the BA in Fall 2026.

XI.OTHER

The question was asked if there was a path where employees would like to take just one course instead of taking a whole program. The response to the committee was yes, it is possible for anyone to come and take a course and not have to take a whole program of courses.

There was a recommendation to reach out to employers about courses so that some employees can touch up on skills when needed.

Recommended to attend Vegetable Growers Association board meetings as well as continue Farm Bureau meetings.

Need for water management, possibly implementing this into the BA degree for Industrial Automation.

Virtual campus is an option given to students if they are students of IVC.

Developing new courses regarding compliances to possibly be added to the BA in Industrial Automation.

Planning a visit to Hartnell College in January.

Recommended for students to go to U of A to complete their degrees because it is like Imperial Valley agriculture.

XII. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:20PM