

Imperial Valley College Academic Senate

Unadopted Minutes

29 February 2012

I. Call to Order--The meeting was called to order by President Lehtonen at 1:32 p.m.

Present: Eric Lehtonen, Daniel Gilison, Frank Rapp, David Zielinski, Mary Jo Wainwright, Michael Cushner, Frank Miranda, Jill Kitzmiller, Celeste Armenta, Dave Drury, Cathy Zazueta, Terry Norris, Norma Nunez, Lorraine Mazeroll, Jean Montenegro, Mike Palacio, Robert Baukholt, Barbara Nilson, Carol Lee, Allyn Leon, Mary Lofgren, Jill Nelipovich, Caroline Bennett, Michael Heumann, Kevin White, Kathy Berry, Danitza Aguirre.

Absent: Craig Blek, Russell Lavery.

Visitors: Trinidad Arguelles, Olga Artech, Yethel Alonso, Frances Beope, Marilyn Boyle, Rick Castrapel, Ted Ceasar, Melody Chronister, Dawn Chun, Lisa Cross, Sheila Dorsey-Freeman, Gayla Finnell, Martha P. Garcia, Sidney Horton, Eric Jacobson, Victor Jaime, Sergio Lopez, Craig Luoma, Jan Magno, Toni Pfister, David Poor, Patricia Robles, Robin Staton, Jessica Waddell.

II. Visitors' Comments.

IVC Interim Superintendent/President Victor Jaime commented on two proposals being given to the IVC Board of Trustees for administrative reorganization consideration at the special Board meeting of Wednesday, 7 March 2012. One proposal is that generated by the Re-Org Ad Hoc Committee; one proposal is that of IVC Interim Superintendent/President Jaime which is a slight variation of the ad hoc committee's proposal for concerns which Interim President Jaime has regarding legal issues.

III. Action Items

M/S/C (Nilson/Nelipovich) to suspend Roberts Rules of Order so that President Lehtonen may speak during discussion of motions.

1. M/S/Carried Unanimously (Heumann/Leon)

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of Imperial Valley College approved a motion on 7 December 2011 to bring to the Re-Org Ad Hoc Committee an administrative structure of three academic deans for the year 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate approved a motion to reserve the right to bring this structure directly to the Board of Trustees contingent upon the results of the Re-Org Ad Hoc Committee; and

WHEREAS, Imperial Valley College Interim Superintendent/President Victor Jaime invited the Academic Senate to appoint three members to a nine member committee representing all campus stakeholders to study the administrative structure. This committee was subsequently named the Re-Org Ad Hoc Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Re-Org Ad Hoc Committee voted to recommend an administrative structure of three academic deans and one director, with an agreement to review the structure at the end of the year 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the two bodies, the Academic Senate and the Re-Org Ad Hoc Committee, are substantially similar; and

WHEREAS, Imperial Valley College is in seriously urgent fiscal trouble; and

WHEREAS, both plans would result in substantial savings to the district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate reconfirms the motion approved on 7 December 2011 to bring this structure directly to the Board of Trustees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Senate approves the recommendations of the Re-Org Ad Hoc Committee.

2. M/S/ (Nilson/Zielinski)

WHEREAS, Trustee Norma Galindo was in violation of numerous tenets of BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice at the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees meeting of 22 February 2012; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Norma Galindo was verbally abusive to an Imperial Valley College employee following the meeting; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Norma Galindo made an obscene gesture to said employee following the meeting;
and

WHEREAS, Trustee Norma Galindo has made threats via telephone against two Imperial Valley College Senators; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Valley College Academic Senate considers these behaviors detrimental to the Imperial Valley College Board of Trustees and the Imperial Valley College Community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Valley College Academic Senate recommends to the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees that Trustee Norma Galindo be formally censured.

Discussion ensued.

Call the Question (Gilison) Carried: 21 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention

Roll call Vote on Motion: 21 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention.

3. M/S/Withdrawn (Nilson/Nelipovich)

WHEREAS, it is vital that all participants of an Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees meeting contribute to an environment of civility; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice states that “The Board maintains high standards of ethical conduct for its members”; and

WHEREAS, in order to best meet the mission of the district and best serve the members of the community, it is vital that each Board member treat all persons with civility and respect when meeting his or her duties and responsibilities as a Board member; and

WHEREAS, accreditation of a California Community College District may be rescinded due to behaviors of Board members, either individually or collectively;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Valley College Academic Senate recommends that the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees review BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice with intent to improve the tone and content of Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees meetings.

IV. Discussion

President Lehtonen thanked all of the Senators present for their thoughtful and important work during this meeting of Wednesday, 29 February 2012 as well as for their work

throughout this academic year. He further requested that all Senators attend the special IVC Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, 7 March 2012.

Secretary Rapp spoke on behalf of the Senate and stated that he wished all Senators present to know that the Senate as a body would stand in support of any Senator who has received any threat or threats for faithfully carrying out his or her duties of office as a Senator.

V. Adjournment— The meeting was adjourned at 3:02p.m. by President Lehtonen. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the IVC Academic Senate shall take place on 7 March 2012 at 1:30p.m. in the Board Room.