

September 14, 2023 1:30 P.M. Zoom

Those in attendance were as follows:

Vince Signorotti-Es Minerals	Bari Bean- BHE Renewables
Sean Wilcock-IVEDC	Tisha Nelson-IVC Staff Support Technician
Delbert Widmann-Imperial Valley College,	
Electrical Technology	
William Osborn- Control Thermal	
Saul Lopez-Energy Source	
Rafael Serrano-Imperial Valley College, Plant	
Operator	
Jose Velasquez-IVC Department	
Chair/Building Construction	
Efrain Silva-IVC, Dean Economic & Workforce	
Priscilla Lopez- Imperial County	

I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY EFRAIN SILVA at 1:32P.M.

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Dean Silva introduced himself. All who were present introduced themselves.

III. REVIEW OF LITHIUM PROGRAMS

Dean Efrain Silva gave a review of the lithium programs plant operator, instrumentation tech and chemistry lab technician.

IV. <u>UPDATE ON PLANT OPERATOR PROGRAM</u>

Went over the courses that are part of the Plant Operator Program as well as each equipment piece that we have received so far.

Rafael Serrano explained to the committee the objectives for PLNT 080, 085 & 090. Industry suggestions were made for a few of the objectives that have not been covered

yet. Some of the course objectives may be able to be merged so that there are not as many course objectives to cover. Environmental compliance-expose to the different agencies and what they are so that students are aware.

Hazardous materials awareness- handling hazardous materials.

Working on getting a SCADA system simulator for the PLNT 090.

- Student Internships will start Spring 2024 and not for credit internships will start Fall 2023. Internships for students can be paid or unpaid with 64 hours required.
- Faculty Externships

V.REVIEW OF INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

SACA (Smart Automation Certification Alliance) Electrical Systems and Pneumatic Systems I certifications tests will be offered to students at the end of the program.

VI.STATUS OF CHEMICAL LAB TECHNICIAN & INSTRUMENTATION TECHNICIAN

The curriculum for both programs have been completed and approved by industry but have not yet been submitted to CCCCO for approval. To start these programs for Fall 2024 will need to be approved by November 2023 as well as the labor market projections to substantiate the need of the programs. Letters of support, endorsement and hiring projections will also be needed for each of the programs to show a minimum of 15 openings per year.

A suggestion was made to reach out to Spreckels sugar, Ormat, CBD extraction, CYRQ, Performance mechanical contractors for the letters of support and endorsements.

It was suggested to widen the labor market to labs in the medical field to increase the numbers for chem lab.

VII.OTHER

A suggestion was made to have Zoom meetings for the Plant Operator Program Advisory meetings moving forward.

VIII. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY at 2:19 P.M.