



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
Agriculture Program
Advisory Committee
UADOPTED MINUTES

October 10, 2024
12:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.
Board Room

Those in attendance were as follows:

Tisha Nelson, IVC Staff Support Technician
Pat Barbee, IVC Diesel Faculty
Michael Kanyi, IVC Ag Faculty
Matthew Turner, IVC Faculty
Candice Cano, IVC Student
Cameron Tate, Five Crowns, Inc.
Sandra Medinl, IC Ag Commissioner
Eddie Conner, Jordan Implement
Chris Ellison, Jordan Implement
Maria Neely, IVC EWD Counselor
Maricel Moreno, IVC Career Services Center
Kimberly Bustos, CSC-WBL
Janeth Corona, IVC Mesa
Lizeth Amaya, IVC Mesa
Thacker Popejoy, IVC Student
Richard Luna, IVC L2L
Frankie Romo, Romo Rubble
Efrain Silva, Dean of Economic & Workforce
Genaro Ayala, IVC Career Services Center
Miguel Guitierrez, GCCCD/IVC Liaison

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

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Andres Martinez welcomed everyone in attendance and all those were present introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2023

M/S/C: Matthew Turner/Michael Kanyi to approve the minutes of November 2, 2023.
Motion carries.

IV. Status of the Agriculture Program

Andres Martinez explained the purpose of the Advisory Committee. He showed the committee the two programs we have for Agriculture which are Ag Business for Transfer and Ag Plant Science for Transfer.

Michael briefly explained each of the courses in the transfer programs:

AG 120, AG 130, AG 134, AG 136, AG 138, AG 140, AG 220 & AG 240.

The completion rates for Ag program were shown to the committee.

V. AG Club and Master Gardening Initiative

Ag club started in September and are working on the master gardening initiative is new to go to other schools around the County to plant.

VI. USDA-NIFA Learning to Lead Program (L2L)

Richard Luna updated the committee on the Learning to Lead that the first year there were 6 transfers to U of A Yuma that are receiving full scholarships and 2 students that transferred to Fresno State University. Currently working on a transfer internship \$5,200 upon completion.

We have had 10 internships at USDA, Farm Smart, UC Desert Research & Extension, and IV Food bank within the first year. The goal is to accommodate 30 internships not only in these location but also in private Ag sectors starting January.

We currently have 7 internships confirmed with one starting remotely at USDA NIFA located in Kansas City, two transfer students are doing internships at Fresno State University, one student will start at USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Agency, four students at USDA Rural Development and five students at University of California Desert Research and Extension Center.

VII. Internships

Genaro Ayala explained his role at the Career Services Center as a job developer to help employers find someone that is a good fit for them.

Maricela Moreno explained the internship process to the committee that students are covered under workers comp and liability through the college. Unpaid opportunities will also be covered under the workers' compensation and liability. There will be an Industrial Technology expo in November and in Spring will be the annual career expo as well as Automotive/Diesel career expo.

VIII. Industry Input

Recommended to add produce safety and water conservation.

Recommendation to Incorporate water conservation and sustainability can be incorporated in the AG 220 Irrigation and Drainage. The produce safety could be incorporated into the AG 120 Soil Science.

It was mentioned that more resources are needed as well as more hands on outside of the classroom.

It was recommended by industry to decide on what we want to see and then reach out to the growers during their harvesting seasons to shadow and get the hands on experience.

IX. OTHER

Janeth Corona mentioned to the committee that STEM is building strong connections with industry to get the hands-on experience out of the classroom.

More resources are needed as well as hands on.

Efrain informed the committee that we do have 2.5 acres of ag field dedicated to our ag program but have run into some problems with getting it started as far as irrigation and maintenance. We are looking into using the UCSD extension center to have the students go there and use their fields to get hands-on training.

X. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:58PM