

In the fall of 1951, students petitioned the Board of Trustees for a more representative name for the college. It was now serving students from all of the Imperial Valley. By action of the Board, the name was officially changed to Imperial Valley College.

The school, under the administration of the Central Union High School District, gained recognition as an accredited institution of higher education. As the institution grew with the community, this growth was reflected in the steady rise in enrollment and in the diversity of courses and curricula that was offered.

A recommendation that a countywide community college district be established in Imperial County was submitted to the State Department of Education and was approved on July 10, 1959. The Imperial County Superintendent of Schools then set a date for an election at which all qualified voters residing within the boundaries of the seven high school and unified school districts were eligible to vote. The election was held on October 6, 1959; and by an overwhelming vote, the Imperial Valley Junior College District was established. This was followed by the election of the members of the Junior College District Board of Trustees, one of whom comes from each of the seven high schools or unified school districts represented in the area served by the Imperial Junior College District.

This District includes all of Imperial County except a small area in the northwest corner of the County, which is a part of the Desert Community College District.

The following Superintendent/Presidents have served the District and College since its formation:

Milo P. Johnson	1960-1963
Dr. Terrel Spencer	1963-1978
Dr. Dan Angel	1978-1981
Dr. John A. DePaoli	1981-1995
Dr. Gilbert M. Dominguez	1996-2002
Dr. Paul Pai	2003-2007
Dr. Ed Gould	2008-2011

Like most community colleges, IVC has experienced rapid growth coupled with declining fiscal resources since 2004. In 2009, a Strategic Plan was developed that prioritized short-term and long-term goals of the institution. The plan stated priorities and the college resources for achieving those priorities. The strategic planning process also updated the IVC Facilities Master Plan. This all inclusive framework enabled the college to identify the most critical and campus-wide priorities and strategic goals for IVC.

Strategic Plan

In 2008, IVC formed a strategic planning committee that included representatives from all shared governance constituencies including faculty, classified staff, students, and administration. The purpose of the committee was to develop the IVC's Strategic Plan after receiving input from the Educational Master Plan on the prioritized short-term and long term goals of the college. The committee assessed the stated priorities and the college resources for achieving those priorities.

In 2009, a Strategic Plan was developed which synchronized the goals of the Educational Master Plan. This all inclusive framework enabled the college to identify the most critical and campus-wide priorities and strategic goals for the college as follows:

- Strengthen and expand support services to respond to changing student needs
- Increase access to continuing and higher education opportunities for all
- Enhance professional development
- Adapt to a changing fiscal environment with a sound fiscal strategy
- Strengthen internal and external organizational communications practices

The Strategic Plan addresses how the college can best implement planned improvements based on the institutional resources, required and desired timeframes, and final recommendations and strategies of the Educational Master Plan, all in line with IVC's mission and vision. Specific objectives were also identified under each of the five goals listed above.

Educational Master Plan

The Educational Master Plan was developed in collaboration with the members of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and administration. This Plan provides a sense of vision and a guide for multi-year planning. A comprehensive analysis of both internal and external environments influencing future development of the College, and an examination of the present and anticipated development of both the instructional and support services areas is outlined in the Master Plan. The plan may be found on our website at www.imperial.edu or by contacting the President's office at (760) 355-6219.

Accreditation

Imperial Valley College is officially accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education; California Association of Alcohol and Drug Educators; California Board of Registered Nursing; California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Examiners; Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP); Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training; and the California State Department of Education. Accreditation reports are available and may be reviewed at the office of the Superintendent/President.

College Mission

The mission of Imperial Valley College is to foster excellence in education that challenges students of every background to develop their intellect, character, and abilities; to assist students in achieving their educational and career goals; and to be responsive to the greater community.