President's Update #6

Nearly 200 applications for IVUP!

The first IVUP parent meeting is scheduled for January 11 on the SDSU-IV Campus. There are 181 graduating seniors from Imperial Valley who have indicated interested in being part of this Imperial Valley University Partnership (IVUP). This is based upon the numbers of Freshman applications to SDSU Imperial Valley Campus. It represents an increase of 48 percent over last year and is 31 percent higher than the previous record in Fall 2008 for first-time freshman applications.

This is due to great work by our joint IVUP Committees. As Miriam Castanon, SDSU program coordinator noted, "We are one big team working very hard to provide an amazing program for these students."

And, speaking of IVUP, the Calexico City Council unanimously passed a resolution last week in support for IVUP after a presentation by Dean Dave Pearson and I. That is the 13th resolution in support. Thanks to everyone for a great job.

Partnerships Continuing

We are currently meeting with San Diego State University to explore additional partnerships in light of a large grant SDSU has received to develop a Renewable Energy Resource center at their Brawley Campus. http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivp-news-sdsuiv-receives-167-million-grant-for-brawley-renewable-energy-center-20110923,0,5017090.story. The series of meetings are for the purpose of developing lower and upper division educational opportunities.

Scholar athletes

We had seventeen of our 2011 Spring Sport Athletes who earned Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete Awards (3.0 GPA or higher). Congratulations!

- 1. Marisol Castro Women's Softball
- 2. Lucero Collado Women's Tennis
- 3. Octavio Corona Men's Baseball
- 4. Maureen Croak Women's Tennis
- 5. Erica Flores Women's Softball
- 6. Jacinto Garcia Men's Baseball
- 7. Juan Gill Men's Baseball
- 8. Jessica Jaime Women's Tennis
- 9. Guadalupe Lopez Women's Tennis
- 10. Refugio Lopez Men's Tennis
- 11. Alexis Manriquez Men's Baseball
- 12. Vanessa Miranda Women's Tennis
- 13. Joshua Pauly Men's Baseball
- 14. Khyle Pearson Men's Baseball
- 15. Laura Perez Women's Tennis
- 16. Sooni Seul Women's Tennis
- 17. Karen Valdez Women's Tennis

New Travel, Contract Procedures

We have instituted new procedures for both out of state travel as well as contract approvals. Henceforth, these will be approved by board action. The exception to the out of state travel is to the Yuma, Arizona area because of our close working relationships with Arizona Western College. Such board approvals are common practice with other public agencies and are long overdue here.

Around Campus

- A combined committee made up of representation from Academic Senate, College Council and Administration will work with the Executive Council and I to analyze data to evaluate our reorganization. I am planning to make a report to the board on this in February.
- Our Foundation Board has added two new members: Vince Signorotti of Energy Source and Fidel Gonzalez from First Imperial Credit Union.
- We had some excellent outreach meetings with contractors this month in preparation for Measure J funded bid processes. The goal is to educate them on our construction requirements in the hopes that we increase local bid awards as we promised during the Measure J campaign. Thank you Neilsen Construction, Jimmy Sanders and John Lau.
- We had some wonderful graduation ceremonies for our Nursing, Paramedics and POST students. Each one of this events I attend remind me of why we are here. It's inspiring to see the pride shown by these graduates and their families.
- Remember that tomorrow (December 16) is payday

And Finally:

