

Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program
Public Service Advisory Meeting
(Pathway for Corrections, Law Enforcement & Fire Science)
Minutes of November 6, 2014

Introduction/Purpose: Mr. Villamor called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm and thanked everyone for attending. He announced that the purpose of the meeting was to get business partners input and ROP appreciated the input. Self introductions were made with the following present:

Voting Members: Tony Rouhotas, Chief, Imperial County Fire Department
Luis Caro, Firefighter, Imperial County Fire Department
Charlie Finnell, Captain, Imperial County Fire Department
John Green, Captain, Imperial County Fire Department
Susan Zepeda, Border Patrol Agent, US Border Patrol
Aries Alarcon, Border Patrol Agent, US Border Patrol
Guillermo Molino, District Attorney Investigator, Imperial County
Karla Lopez, District Attorney Investigator, Imperial County
Alvaro Ramirez, Commander, El Centro Police Department

Non Voting Members: Simon Canalez, Principal, Brawley Union High School
Mike Sterner, Principal, Central Union High School
Paul Villa, Instructor, Imperial High School
Cory Van Driessche, Instructor, Central Union High School
Travis Tudor, Instructor, Central Union High School
Mike Davies, Instructor, Calexico/Aurora High School
Jack Greer, Instructor, Brawley Union High School
Irma Avelar, Counselor, Central Union High School
Olga Ortega, Counselor, Central Union High School
Alfredo Estrada, Fire Technology Coordinator, Imperial Valley College
Phil Villamor, Director of Education, IV Regional Occupational Program
Debbie Burquist, Guidance Technician II, IV Regional Occupational Program

Minutes Approval: The minutes were reviewed as presented. No action taken.

Industry Update/Course Analysis:

- a. Business/Industry Synopsis and practical information regarding business/industry that may inform course Curriculum choices: emerging trends, changes in workforce, practices, skills equipment, software, etc:
Mr. Ramirez stated that applicants needed to be better prepared for the interview and computer skills needed to be strongly emphasized with students. He said that the El Centro Police Department was using body cameras and this is a “paperless environment.” Mr. Ramirez commented that students seemed to have a sense of entitlement attitude and common sense is not common any longer. He stated that critical components in this industry were writing skills and work ethics. Mr. Van Driessche reported that his students now have tablets and the curriculum is on-line. He mentioned that many students have forgotten their password and this has cost his program money. Mr. Van Driessche stated that he is firm with his students regarding their classroom behavior. Mr. Davies reported that his students were using Google Apps. and this program was a great tool for the students. Ms. Zepeda said that many young people have no regard for human life and they are very immature. Mr. Greer commented that he tells the students that what they see on television is not the real deal and his students needed to be 100% proficient for the State Standards to earn a certificate in his program.

- b. Competency Discussion: Mr. Villamor explained the process of students earning a “Certificate of Competencies” and limited proficient vs. proficient. He stated that he welcomed any suggestions in regards to the competencies.
- c. Articulation/Certification information: Mr. Van Driessche announced that the 11th grade students can take the Administration of Justice Articulation exam at Imperial Valley College and last year 27 students took the exam and all 27 passed. Mr. Villamor reported that ROP’s goal was to develop a pathway for the program and he explained the process. Ms. Burquist stated that the Pathway is available on ROP’s web site and this is a tool for counselors to use when scheduling the students for their classes. Mr. Canalez announced that he was promoting the pathways and this gives students options and dual enrollment. Ms. Lopez mentioned that the Imperial Valley’s colleges do not get the same attention and many of the programs are dissolving. Mr. Van Driessche reported that he encourages his students to enlist in the military to get a free education and he currently has seven students who are planning on enrolling. Mr. Alarcon announced that the US Border Patrol interviews are all scenario based and this eliminates many applicants. He reported that there will be 10,000 border patrol positions open very soon. Mr. Villamor mentioned that we needed to inform the students of their options regarding careers in the law field.

Motion to Continue Course: A motion was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Ms. Zepeda to approve the Corrections, Law Enforcement and Fire Science ROP Programs. The motion was passed unanimously.

CTE Career Readiness Certificate – NEW

- a. Discussion of need/purpose: Mr. Villamor explained and reviewed the process of the CTE Career Readiness Certificate. He stated that the guidance technicians will be trained and will assist students on this certificate. Mr. Villamor announced that professionalism is an important component in the workforce and needed to be emphasized in all classes.
- b. Motion to approve CTE Career Readiness Certificate as presented & discussed:

IVROP/CTE Pathway Events: Mr. Villamor announced the following events will take place:

- a. CTE Forum – tentative February 2015
- b. IVROP Showcase & Recognition Ceremony – March 24, 2015
- c. IVROPCF Dancing with the Stars Gala – May 1, 2015

Next Annual Meeting/Adjournment: Mr. Villamor reported that the next meeting will be next year and he adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm.