A. Open Session

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda

   The Board retreat was called to order by Board President O’Brien at 9:07 a.m. in Building 27, Room 116 at the Indian Valley Campus, Novato, California, all Trustees having been noticed of the meeting as required. Trustees Bevis, Conti, Long, O’Brien, Tanenberg and Treanor were present as was Student Trustee Trump. Trustee Kranenburg was not present. Also present were Superintendent/President Coon, Vice President Eldridge and Executive Dean Schorske. **M/s (Long/Tanenberg) to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0-1, with all Trustees present voting aye. Student Trustee Trump cast an advisory aye vote and Trustee Kranenburg was absent.**

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items – Public comment will be allowed throughout the meeting.

3. 2014/15 Indian Valley College Visioning
   a) Introduction/Overview

   Dr. Coon welcomed those attending and asked individuals to introduce themselves. He noted that the meeting was being videotaped and would be available on the College website along with the materials presented. Dr. Coon handed out a working draft for the 2014/15 IVC Visioning process, attached, and stated this was a kick off meeting and there would be many opportunities for community engagement and input into the process moving forward, including surveys and focus groups. He asked for input and feedback on the planning document, noting the importance of aligning what happens at IVC with what is happening in the City of Novato and the community. There were suggestions to include diverse groups in Novato, including Hispanic and ESL, senior groups, the public, parks and recreation, those that use our...
facilities, current and former students and colleges and universities, not limited to SRJC and Sonoma State as stakeholders. Other comments included reviewing historical efforts, on-going communication with City of Novato, better dissemination of information and news about IVC, to keep moving forward and keep an open mind, to remember the campus is for the education of our students, and to reach out to potential students. Dr. Coon thanked everyone for their input.

b) Historical Retrospective
Nanda Schorske gave a presentation that highlighted the history of some of the partnerships and programs accomplished in the past at IVC. She reviewed the workforce development programs on the campus, the farm and environmental programs, summer camps, and a variety partnerships including a charter school, San Francisco State, the Regional Simulation Center, and other ventures that have occurred over the years. She also noted that other recommendations such as student housing, a retreat center and programs for seniors had also been proposed for the site. Current planning includes improving career pathway options, collaborative work with other colleges, increasing general education courses and growing the international and ESL programs. There was a comment that we need to be flexible and willing to change with the changing needs of the community and our student population. There was discussion about student enrollment at IVC, the appropriate number of courses at IVC, and the importance of having partnerships with larger universities who have the resources to help build the programs that will draw the students here.

c) North Bay Bio/Life Science Alliance
Michael Frank, the City Manager of Novato, spoke about the exciting things happening in Northern Marin and Novato related to bio/life sciences and partnerships, including recent meetings with the Buck Institute to strengthen relationships with the City. The Buck Center is also reaching out to develop partnerships with the bio science companies in Marin. Mr. Frank stated that he and Dr. Coon have been meeting regularly to keep updated on what is happening at the College and the City and how important it is for all stakeholders to align their services and resources, to support the businesses and provided training for high wage jobs that would be located in our community. Chris Stewart, Economic Development Manager for the City of Novato, gave a presentation on the North Bay Science Alliance sharing marketing strategies, findings and an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats related to support of current businesses and attempts to draw other businesses to Marin County. There was significant discussion about providing training in specialized fields, providing high wage jobs in the community, the state of our facilities, how to fund the cost of highly specialized equipment, sustaining and growing programs responsive to the needs of business in the County, the need to feed 4-year institutions, the need to be proactive, and to identify who we will serve. The companies will present opportunities for the College
and for the community. The Alliance will be bringing all of the major players to the table and will be looking for support and ideas as a collaborative effort to review what is needed, who will provide services, education and funding. The College of Marin will be key in those discussions. It was noted that the companies may be able to share the costs of the equipment and or facility upgrades, keep equipment current and share the facility/equipment. Funding is a significant issue for the College and grants and outside funding is critical to supporting these programs. Hosting academies was also suggested as a way to foster student interest. There were a number of comments that the College must have a clear vision, must be flexible and able to grow and change and not stay static. The challenge will be to find the right fit. It is important that students know there is a path and the advantage to starting at the community college. This is an exciting opportunity for growth, but important to make sure we have a smooth track to a 4-year institution for all areas.

There was a suggestion to grow the Emeritus program at the IVC to increase learning opportunities for the aging population in this area. Trustees thanked the presenters and staff for their hard work, collaboration and presentations.

d) Potential Initiatives/Collaboratives

Dr. Coon divided the attendees into four groups to brainstorm ways the IVC campus can better serve the northern community.

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**Group 1**
Student Center
Classes (core to “a path”)
Diverse class offerings
Dorms for students
Partnership with 4/year institution w/biotech and life sciences
Food Service
Strong Public/Private partnerships presence at IVC – focus on life science
Better promotion of everything IVC – go to constituents, speak at group meetings
Transportation
Bio Tech CEOs teach classes – future of industry – lead discussions
Host leadership summit at IVC
Good teamwork

**Group 2**
Conference / Retreat Center
International Vocational and Language Training – Dorms – international partnerships
General Ed course expansion
Food, culinary program, farm integration model (San Mateo CCD)
Forestry Program – tie into other programs
Water Management
Destination – Events to bring community to the campus via forums
Vocational trade programs – low tech carpentry/electrical. Connect high/low tech jobs, health and hospitality

Group 3
Good communication methods/what is happening here – e-mails; website
Increase general education courses
Supervisory Training
Conference Center
Arts/Culinary Programs
Food Truck/Food Service
Senior Housing (support nursing/child care programs)/International Student Housing

Group 4
More opportunities for residents, seniors, others
Pre college track (avoid remedial track) Ready for college when you start college
Specific/dynamic programs where people see where they are going
IVC still feels like a stepchild. Students going to Petaluma Campus
Life Science is great – let’s do it right
How do you identify early talent and gifts? Then provide support to actualize
Give support to exceptional as well as others
Many students don’t have support from public school or family to reach potential
Change image of community college as fallback
Establish stronger partnership programs with universities
Better support services to make sure they stay on track – counselors make sure there is a plan and succeed with it. Tutoring
Young people need hopes and dreams, need to see opportunities.

f) Update on current IVC Upgrades
Vice President Nelson provided an update on projects at the Indian Valley Campus.
There is discussion about a potential lease of property for a solar farm to help reduce energy costs for the campus. A lighting upgrade project will begin in October to change out the amber lights to LEDs which are more efficient and provide better coverage. The College will receive rebates over 10 years to pay back the cost of the program and will realize savings in energy costs. The fixtures will shine down rather than up and will be fitted with motion sensors that activate with pedestrian or vehicle motion to improve way-finding and safety for staff and students. There have also been a number of upgrades to the pool facility
infrastructure with repairs to equipment that runs the pool, including new boilers, pump speed drives, new boilers to provide hot water in the locker/showers, installation of pool covers, and a new chemical control system. These changes will generate utility savings as well. A new roof will also be installed and there are plans to extend the pool deck to allow more area for pedestrians and storage and to clean the spectator area and replace the old college logo with the current logo. The International student area received new furniture, paint and carpet. A new wireless lock system which will allow on-line lock/un-lock capabilities and reduce the number of keys issued to employees is in process and new carpet has been installed in buildings 3, 8, 9 and 11 to replace the original carpet installed in the early 70s. A proposal will go to the Board in October to complete ADA and barrier removal projects in the Pomo cluster and to complete roofing projects at Pomo and building 17. Funds for these projects will come from the remaining IVC bond funds and will focus on buildings where college programs will be located.

g) Friends of Indian Valley
Nanda Schorske asked individuals to leave their contact information and to connect with individuals who might be interested in revitalizing the Friends of IVC to help support the campus visioning process.

h) Next Steps
Dr. Coon encouraged everyone to leave their contact information so they could be contacted for upcoming meetings and thanked everyone for their interest and for taking time out of their Saturday to participate.

4. M/s (Long/Bevis) to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 6-0-1 with all trustees present voting aye. Student Trustee Trump cast an advisory aye vote and Trustee Kranenburg was not present. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.