Voice: Concerns about freshman program

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It’s been a couple of weeks since the Imperial Valley Press posted the article about the changes that may happen to San Diego State-Imperial Valley Campus. As stated in the paper, many concerned parents decided to have a meeting because various rumors were going around that the SDSU freshmen program was going to be concluded. In an effort to get the story correct, they met at Carrow’s along with some students to discuss the future of the program. Much to their surprise, Dean Pearson came to the meeting too to put the rumors to rest. He said that the program was not to be concluded but to be expanded. By expanding he meant that students from SDSU-IV Campus could take some courses at Imperial Valley College that are not offered at the campus. That sounds all good and exciting; there is still some concern and questions many of us still have.

As I am currently a freshman at SDSU-IV Campus in the Freshman Scholars program, when I heard the rumors about the changes that were to happen at SDSU-IVC, I was very confused. Since I have spoken with a quite a few of my classmates, there are many concerns we have. For example, if we do end up taking classes at IVC, would we be considered IVC students or SDSU students? Would we take away classes from students who are full-time at IVC? It wouldn’t be fair to the IVC students if we take classes from them. So many questions are up in the air and we as the students from the freshman program are not only worried for our futures, but the future of students who want to come to this campus. Many of us who are in the program had to have a high grade-point average and take numerous tests, such as the SATs and English and math placement exams to be accepted into the freshman scholar program. If we wanted to attend IVC then we would be there full-time. It just wouldn’t be fair to any of us and our professors if drastic changes were to happen to this fantastic program. This program is a great asset to SDSU’s Imperial Valley Campus.

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