

VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE

# Allan named interim president

## Vote comes after community concern for timing

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VICTORVILLE – The Victor Valley College Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to appoint Acting President Peter Allan to interim superintendent/president at the community college.

The decision comes after public concern for the board's timing in choosing a new leader while their next accreditation report deadline approaches on Oct. 15.

"I think it's important to note the 5-0 vote," Trustee Joseph W. Brady said after the announcement was made. "We're trying to show team spirit."

According to the closed session report, the board's newest trustee, Brandon Wood, made the first motion and it was seconded by trustee Dennis Henderson. The announcement was made after the closed session.

The trustees interviewed six candidates in late August. A representative from the college's Academic Senate and full-time faculty union said Allan would provide continuity and was the best person to fill the position at this time.

Allan is a former two-time administrator and faculty member at VVC and has been acting president/superintendent since May. He is familiar with the college's accreditation issues, they said.

Allan said previously that he would remain acting president for as long as the college needs him. He said he would not apply for the permanent position because he is going to retire.

VVC officials also met Tuesday in a public workshop to discuss the college's three-year projected budgets. Chief Financial Officer at VVC, GH Javaheripour, said that the college is projected to have a structural financial deficit of \$3.5 million for the 2014-15 school year which could grow each year to \$6.45 million by 2016-17.

The Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges and Junior Colleges is requiring that the college present a plan to balance its budget deficit in its October accreditation report. That plan is currently being made, Javaheripour said.

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Peter Allan



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Victor Valley College board member Brandon Woods, right, congratulates acting superintendent Peter Allan after the board voted and announced Allan as Interim superintendent/president of the college during Tuesday's board meeting.