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Calmer heads

The American Heritage Dictionary defines censure as: "an expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism." Well, in that case, where do I sign up to censure the ad-hoc subcommittee of the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees?

The effort to publicly voice their "strong disapproval" of Joe Brady was a colossal waste of time. Time that could, and should, have been spent on improving learning conditions for students, getting the school off probation, solving the problems and meeting the challenges that the board was elected to address.

I am certain that each of the board members made campaign promises in an effort to be elected. I am also just as certain that the recent actions of the board are not what voters had in mind when they voted for these candidates. To create an ad-hoc subcommittee in response to the allegations truly indicates that the majority of the board is out of touch with what needs to be done to turn the school around. Whatever happened to handling issues with a simple conversation, an appreciation of opposing viewpoints and an effort to compromise for the greater good?

Whether Mr. Brady's logo was used inappropriately or not has no bearing on the absurdity of this situation. The bigger issue remains: Time, energy and resources were wasted pursuing an issue which has little if any bearing on the future of what most believe is the greatest resource this valley possesses, our young people and their education. If the leadership of the VVC cannot put aside petty personal and political differences in order to advance a positive course of action, then changes should be made during the next election.

The effort to censure Mr. Brady brings to mind the saying, "You can't fool all of the people, all of the time." It appears that calmer heads finally prevailed Tuesday. Now put this matter to rest and get back to steering the college on a positive course that will lead it and our entire valley into the future.

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