

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Time for change at VVC

With the news these past few weeks, we find that by early summer there could be positive changes going on at the Victor Valley Community College District (VVCCD), but this is far from certain and the efforts by the group that has come together with the leadership of Diane Carloni and Holly Noel must remain in the forefront with their message of bringing about positive changes at VVCCD, and its Victor Valley College. I have personally conversed with members of the Board of Trustees on the need for them to focus on administrative leadership and the serious need for a complete change in the VVCCD administrative leadership team.

There is nothing more important, at this juncture, than bringing in a fresh, hard-charging community college administrator/president. That person then needs to have a new administrative team working for him/her. Contracts of every vice president and support staff need to be put on hold and carefully examined, and these positions should be filled with administrators and support staff who are not tied to the failed efforts we have witnessed in the last eight years.

The board, with leadership from its president, should carefully screen possible appointees to Michael Krause's position and the Call to Action group should be focusing public attention on the backgrounds of those who come forward to be appointed.

The trustee selection process cannot be a college matter. No input from college (district) staff should be allowed in the selection of any appointee.

I would even think that with the two-fold governance/management dilemma facing VVCCD, a clearly written letter by the trustees to the Accreditation Committee could gain a few months breathing room while the board acts to bring a new direction to district governance, and then has the opportunity to advertise, screen, interview and hire a new management team.

This clearly must be done for the good of the college district, Victor Valley College, and most importantly, the communities within the Victor Valley region.

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When I was appointed to serve on the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees in February 2011, I made my commitment to the students of the Victor Valley and, when I chose to stand for election to the Board in November 2012, I reiterated that commitment. I am fully committed to reaching out to my fellow trustees to do my absolute best to work together as a cohesive group to provide the leadership that Victor Valley College needs in order to achieve full accreditation without sanctions as soon as possible. I also pledged to be transparent in my dealings as a Board of Trustee member; therefore, I want to share the details of an upcoming meeting in which I am participating.

Tomorrow at the VVC Staff Lounge in Building 10, there will be a publicly noticed Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, for the purpose of a board retreat at 4:30 p.m. A facilitator will be assisting the trustees in learning how to better work together as a group.

I welcome any interested people to join us to observe our interactions during the retreat and to support the efforts of the board to develop better working relationships.

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