

New VVC Executive Vice President Introduced

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Victorville- Victor Valley College introduced a new Executive Vice president at a meet and greet held Monday afternoon.

Peter Maphumulo took over the position for Peter Allan, who is currently acting as president/superintendent of the college.

Maphumulo said he feels one of the things he brings to VVC is experience because he has worked for different institutions.

Maphumulo said he is not a stranger to accreditation woes such as the ones VVC now faces. He dealt with similar issues as an administrator for the college he came from.

Maphumulo said he twice served as an accreditation liaison and will explore possible ways to approach some of the "very contentious" issues VVC has been dealing with, and to show the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges that the college is doing what's needed to get off of a probationary status.

"There is no institution that doesn't have any challenges," Maphumulo said. "Conflicts can be wonderful opportunities for renewal and rebirth. It all depends on how we all work together. I have a feeling that everybody realizes that the wellbeing of the community depends on what we do here and that doing things the old way is not going to going to work. The greater good of the college supersedes any individual. People are ready for change, and that's good."

Maphumulo comes to VVC after serving as the provost and CEO for Northern Virginia Community College's Alexandria Campus, the executive dean and vice president for instructional services at Bellevue College and the Dean of instruction for liberal arts and mathematics at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus.

Originally from South Africa, Maphumulo earned a B.A. in English Literature at Whitworth College. Maphumulo continued his studies at the University of Montana, earning a M.A. in curriculum and lastly at Washington State University, where received a Ph.D. in higher education administration.

Maphumulo said that when an institution goes through crisis, it's easy to forget the good things that a college does. He called VVC an excellent college that needs to fix certain things.