

Oversight committee visits college

Student-learning outcomes, fiscal plans under review

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VICTORVILLE • An oversight committee charged with determining Victor Valley College's progress in reaching its three accreditation recommendations visited the campus Monday.

The four members from the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges met one on one with VVC officials to discuss the institution's efforts to bolster its student-learning outcomes, integrated planning for continuous campus improvement and long-term fiscal plans, according to a VVC report.

College officials presented their third followup report to the ACCJC committee outlining campus-wide efforts made in recent months to remove its probationary status. The college remains fully accredited during the review process.

"I thought it went well," VVC Interim Vice President Peter Allan said about the committee's visit. "They interviewed about nine people and there were four (ACCJC) members. They talked to the chairs of the various committees on campus and a couple of board members. As far as I know, it went satisfactorily."

However, the ACCJC committee chair, Dr. Douglas Houston, said the campus still had work to do with regard to recommendation 6, which addresses the college's long-term fiscal plans, Allan said.

"There were some issues regarding the recommendation with the structural deficit," Allan said. "I just don't know how it's going to come out. He said we did an excellent job on the first two recommendations but still had some work to do on recommendation 6."

Houston, of Yuba Community College; Gary Whitfield, of Columbia College; Michael Carley, of Kern Community College; and Virginia Guleff, of Mendocino College, comprised the four-member committee.

VVC Board President Lorrie Denson and Joseph W. Brady both met with Houston. Brady said he was very familiar with the High Desert and had even taught at VVC as an adjunct professor at one point.

"I feel that the interview went well, but we're not able to discuss the specifics of what transpired," Brady said. "I can say that the ACCJC is very cognizant of the issues that have challenged VVC and I look forward to revealing their final report with the rest of the Board of Trustees and our employee partners."

The ACCJC's final report from the Monday visit is expected to be released during the second or third week of February, VVC spokesman Bill Greulich said.

To view the college's accreditation progress and its third follow-up report, see www.VVC.edu .

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