

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Performance failure

I was one of the nearly 100 people who attended the Victor Valley College accreditation meeting Monday. I appreciate that this was not a witch hunt but a fact sharing and call to action meeting with the sole purpose of spurring on VVC to resolve the accreditation problem. No one's head was placed on the chopping block.

The problems with VVC not returning to fully accredited status is not one of lack of desire. Every faculty, support staff member and student understands the impact on the failure to resolve the probation. The failure to return to full accreditation is a failure of leadership and of the Board of Trustees to establish policy, expectations and to hire the leadership needed to complete the process; failure of the board to hold the President accountable — six years is more than long enough to resolve any issue; failure of the President to do the job he was hired to perform. Why after six years is the accreditation problem still here? Why have the trustees accepted lack of performance without any apparent recourse?

The survival of VVC and our major investment in this asset of the community is at stake. We must have strong leadership at the helm. We must have a president who will resolve the problems now, not some time in the future. We must have a board that lives up to the word "trustee".

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