

# VVC board to decide interim president soon

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VICTORVILLE • The Victor Valley College Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday and Thursday in closed session to interview at least five candidates for the interim president position.

An interim president can serve for a maximum of one year before the college must select a permanent president, VVC acting president/superintendent Peter Allan said.

The college has had seven presidents in the last 10 years, including interim and permanent, who have left for various personal reasons, he said. Allan was formerly the college's executive vice president of student services and was appointed to be VVC's acting president on May 12. Christopher O'Hearn, the college's latest permanent president/superintendent, went on sick leave one month before the end of his contract.

Rumors have swirled on campus that the current Vice President of Administrative Services G.H. Javaheripour has expressed interest in the interim president position. He and Peter Allan are two likely internal candidates in the pool, Trustee Dennis Henderson said. The other three candidates are from outside of the college, he said.

Allan said he applied for the interim position but would not apply to be the school's permanent president because of his age. He is 68.

"They need new blood, younger people," Allan said. "My priority right now is to get through accreditation and that is why I'm offering up my services, and then I'm planning on retiring."

Allan was a full-time faculty member before he was promoted to administration. He said if he is not selected for the interim position that he would volunteer to be the college's assessment coordinator, a "critical" position while the college is working to comply to the accreditation committees recommendations.

Henderson said he was concerned about the timing of the interim president selection because of the closeness to the college's deadline to resolve its accreditation issues. The next deadline for the college to report its progress is Oct. 15.

"One of the things the ACCJC (Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges) wanted was having a stable administration," Henderson said. "You can't have a stable administration if you're letting your president go."

VVC spokesman Bill Greulich disagreed and said the college's efforts to fix their accreditation status would move forward regardless.

"One way or the other we've got work to do and we're doing it," Greulich said.

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