As we finish Spring 2013, here’s an information update:

- **ACCJC Recommendations:** recommendations 2 is 100% complete; recommendation 3 is nearing completion; recommendation 6 is in progress.

- **Important Reminders Related to ACCJC Recommendations:** SLO and PLO Assessments are due! Assessment is an ongoing process. A recent MOU between the District and Faculty provides for Discipline Facilitators and Department Chairs to coordinate, collect and aggregate assessment data.

- **Program Review, Track ‘A’:** As with assessment, Program Review is an ongoing process. Many programs/disciplines are slated for comprehensive PRAISE this coming semester. Drafts are due October 1, and final submission December 1, 2013.

- **Annual Updates:** If you are not in Track ‘A’, your discipline/program will be completing an Annual Update this Fall.

- **Voluntary In-Service Day: August 30, 2013.** The VVC Academic Senate has submitted a proposal to VVC Administration to support continued Accreditation efforts on this day (Program Review, SLO/PLO Assessment, Curriculum, etc). A program of events for faculty will be sent out as soon as possible. All faculty are strongly encouraged to attend!

Please check page 3 for links to pertinent websites and information relating to these items above!

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**From the Academic Senate President**

As we finish up the end of a very long academic year, I’d like to thank all faculty for pitching in and working hard to support VVC meeting ACCJC recommendations.

We have reason to be proud of what we’ve accomplished over this last year: ACCJC recommendations #2 and #3 are practically complete; recommendation #6 is in the hands of the shared governance Finance, Budget and Planning Committee, and a plan should be ready for vetting soon.

More than this work, however, VVC faculty continue to show that we believe in our institution, no matter what derogatory — and downright inaccurate and hateful — statements are made about us in the local newspapers or in the public comments during BoT meetings (or, unfortunately, by BoTs themselves in these meetings).

Faculty have stepped up, increased their committee service, volunteered in countless other ways, and and overall have proven themselves professional, compassionate and articulate in serving VVC and its campus community.

So, from the bottom of my heart: THANK YOU!

See you in Fall 2013, if not during the summer!

— Tracy Davis
As we look to the glorious weeks ahead of summer, the VVC Academic Senate suggests the following summer reading!

**Teaching and committee service related:**


(You can also watch him read the title poem on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxsOVK4syxU; also recommended is his reading of ‘The Impotence of Proofreading’: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OonDPGwAyfQ)


**Board of Trustees and Administrative-related publications:**

Community College League of California (CCLC)/BoT resources: http://www.ccleague.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3285#trusteeceo

From Palo Verde College, the CCLC BoT handbook: http://www.paloverde.edu/visitors/pdf/trust_handbook.pdf


**Academic Senate-related materials:**

http://www.asccc.org/publications

**Groups you should be aware of (and not in a good way):**

http://californiicompetes.org/
http://www.luminafoundation.org/
The State Budget and Community Colleges: May Revise Update!

In the last Faculty Forum, information on the proposed state budget and its affects on CCC’s were highlighted.

On June 11, the following info on the state budget was published:

- $87.5m (1.57%) COLA
- $89.4m (1.63%) to ‘restore access’ (growth money)
- $50m for the Student Success and Support Program (formerly Matriculation); possible allowance of up to $7m from that amount for development of e-transcript and e-planning tools
- The 90-unit cap has been withdrawn
- $16.9m for the enhancement of online education through a ‘virtual campus’
- Prop 39 (energy efficiency) funds $48m
- Deferred maintenance $50m
- EOPS $15m
- DSPS $15m
- CalWorks $8m
- Academic Senate (statewide organization) $150,000
- Apparently there’s 20% more personal income tax revenue than estimated.

The budget should be approved by the time you read this!

Important Links for Accreditation Work

Program Review:
https://portal.vvc.edu/program-review/instructional-programs/SitePages/Home.aspx
Faculty log in to SharePoint with their Outlook ID and Password when following this link.

Faculty will be able to find the following at this site:
- Comprehensive PRAISE form (for Track A programs)
- Annual Update form (for Tracks B and C)
- Five-year staffing profile (to be completed with the Comprehensive PRAISE; Track A)
- Budget Worksheet for the Finance and Budget Committee
- The new definitions of instructional programs at VVC
- The current Program List
- Also are folders for the Budget Year 2012-2013 (submission year 2011) PRAISE and the Budget Year 2013-2014 annual updates should they wish to review them while writing this year’s reports.
- SLO/PLO Assessment Dialog Form and the "How to Make your Data Meaningful" handout

SLO/PLO Assessment:
https://portal.vvc.edu/sloac/SitePages/Home.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsloac%2FShared%20Documents%2FForm&FolderCTID=0x0120008195B6D970ECBA4F88F8DF047137E1AC&View={13A0430C-72F3-44ED-9CE5-15AF5B8017B0}

- Faculty will be able to find documents and resources via SharePoint at this link.
The Victor Valley College Academic Senate represents all faculty in academic and professional matters.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, at 3:30 p.m., in room AD-8. Refreshments are provided!

Please visit the Academic Senate website, at www.vvc.edu, under 'Faculty and Staff'.

Meeting Schedule for Fall 2013

September 5
October 3
November 7*
December 5

(*November meeting may be moved to November 14, 2013, due to conflict with the Fall Plenary Session; more information will be available Fall 2013!)

All VVC Academic Senate meeting minutes are online via www.vvc.edu, on the Faculty Senate section of the website, as well as on SharePoint.

Senate Committees should post meeting minutes on SharePoint. For more information, contact Justin Gatewood.

Academic Senate Representatives, 2012-14

- Science: David Gibbs, Jessica Gibbs
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- ATC: Maria Ruiz and Patrick Malone
- Academic Commons: Henry Young
- Allied Health: Alice Ramming and Jeanine Speakman
- Library/Counseling: Peggy Mayer and Mike McCracken
- PAC: Ed Heaberlin
- Vocational: Khalid Rubayi
- Kinesiology: Debra Blanchard
- Public Safety Training Center: Scott Jones
- At-Large Representatives: Michael Butros and Gary Menser
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