As most of you have undoubtedly heard, the Commission has taken action to continue Victor Valley College on probation. There are both good and bad sides to this decision. According to the ACCJC we still have to correct deficiencies in eight of the nine recommendations.

The most critical of the recommendations is recommendation 2. I quote from the letter we received yesterday from the ACCJC

“ The commission also notes that recommendation 2 embodies several parts and references to the required processes of assessment and program review, planning, budgeting, funding and implementing improvements, all of which have been required by Commission Standards for many years. The Team Follow-Up report notes that the College has spent a good deal of energy designing and refining its program review process, but that the visiting team could find little evidence that more than a few programs have actually completed a cycle of assessment and improvement”

The Commission understands that the College plans to conduct program reviews on a six-year cycle; if this is the case, it will be unable to demonstrate compliance within the required timelines for correction of institutional deficiencies”.

The Commission further states that if VVC fails to fully resolve the recommendations by October 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2012, the Commission will be obliged to consider whether the institution should remain accredited.

The interpretation of the above is clear. The College must complete Program Review and assessment for every instructional and non-instructional program by October 15\textsuperscript{th}. This would seem to be an impossible task, but it MUST be done. I am assembling a task force which will have the charge of assisting every program to complete a program review. Tim Johnston, Debby Blanchard, and Virginia Moran and the members of the instructional and non-instructional program review task force are completely familiar with the forms and resources needed to complete program review. They can be of assistance in determining which forms and resources to use.

As we receive further direction from Cabinet, I will keep you updated about this critically important subject.

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