Call to Order and Introductions

Present: Bob Silverman, Gary Menser, Jim Wilson, Robert Sewell, Jeffrey Holmes, Cindy Wilson, Mike Smith, Heena Mehra, Marion Boenheim, Bill Greulich, Ginnie Moran and Don Peavy, Dave Hollomon (substituting for Ron Fields) and Suzie Selby (recorder).

Absent: Marianne Tortorici, Bruce Baron, Arlene Greene

Guest: None

1) Approval of the Minutes
   Minutes of the September 6, 2007, regular meeting was unanimously approved.

2) Discuss conversation with Foundation.

   Dr. Silverman presented a draft of the Mission, Vision, Values and Goals to the Foundation Board for their input and suggestions. The Foundation Board surprisingly had no advice to give us but, will strongly support whatever direction the Board and the faculty came up with. The Foundation said they will align their mission statement with ours.

3) Discuss conversation with newspaper.

   Dr. Silverman met with Hillary Borrud, a new reporter of the Daily Press. Status of our accreditation and our vision, mission statement were discussed. The College Council is working together to come to an agreement on a working document. Ms. Borrud was impressed with our progress and felt we were working toward a common direction. We are hopeful that the newspaper article will be positive.

   Mike Smith suggested we should pay attention to the public blogs.

4) Review Mission, Vision, Values & Goals
   No report at this time.

5) Shared Governance Paper
   A. Receive input.

   Bob Silverman

   Dr. Silverman reported that we have a pretty good start from our old documents, the only thing missing from the original document are integration and planning. Also, definitions for the list of committees need to be established.

   The group discussed and agreed that Budget & Finance should be separated to create its own committee as follows:
   The Finance Committee -- review the overall budget and general finances of the college and the 5 year budget.

   Budget/Senate Committee -- review how the finances are distributed (distribution committee). A definition and the make up of the committee needs to be established.
It was discussed and agreed that there be a separate committee for Facilities and Technology as follows:

- **Facilities** would cover issues such as mail and warehouse.
- **Technology** would cover communication, phone system and setting policies of the “Everyone” e-mail. A civil and appropriate way to communicate needs to be established.

Dr. Silverman indicated that we are in a crisis mode in technology; attention must be given to improve our system. Gary Menser noted that recommendations were given before but were ignored. The Board approved for a consultant to come in and do a thorough analysis on the state of the technology on campus.

It was recommended and agreed to add a **Social/Wellness Committee** to cover i.e., employee assistance plan, faculty/staff well being and campus wide holiday party (Holiday around the World).

Dr. Silverman said he will work on the **ADA**.

**Strategic Planning & Institutional Effectiveness committee –**

- **Strategic Planning** covers the direction of where you are going.
- **Institutional Effectiveness** measures where you are.

**6) Organization**

Bob Silverman

Steps to create an organization structure of the college needs to be implemented. Empower for decision at the lowest level, close to the students as possible. We need to consider a total reorganization that gets the decision making closer to the classroom.

**7) Update from WASC (The Western Association of Schools and Colleges)-**

Dr. Silverman shared his conversation that he had with the accrediting commission, Barbara Beno. When he mentioned Victor Valley College, she was totally aware of our problems. She said there is a chance that we could get off of this current status. What it will take includes a written report due by October 15, 2007. We are going to prepare a report documenting our plan and progress. A visit by the commission on November 3, 2007 and a vote in January 2008 at their bi-annual meeting. Dr. Silverman assured her that he will be there in January to talk to the commission before they make an action. Vote at the commission could go one of three ways: continue and maintain our status; lower our status even further or remove us from their watch list. There is only one possible action that this college needs and we are dedicated to working hard to improve our situation and meet the standards.

A phone conference with Barbara Beno has been scheduled on September 19, 2007 with Dr. Silverman, the accreditation liaison officer, and a member of the faculty senate (Gary Menser). We will review our progress to date and she has agreed to provide us with her guidance and advice for our efforts. We will take a look at our shared governance, which is starting to evolve.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10. The next College Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.