



Victor Valley Community College District SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: August 16, 2007

Place: Board Room, Victor Valley College
18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395

AGENDA

This meeting will be electronically recorded

CALL TO ORDER

10 a.m.

The Board of Trustees of Victor Valley Community College District met in Open Session on August 16, 2007 in the Board Room of the Administration building. Mr. Range, Board President called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Present: Joe Range, Board President; Dennis Henderson, Vice President; Thomas M. Elder II, Trustee, Donald Nelson, Clerk, and Heena Mehra, Student Trustee.

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Dr. Robert Silverman, Superintendent/President; Virginia Moran, Executive Dean, Institutional Effectiveness, and Annette McComas (Recorder)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heena Mehra led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DELETED OR CORRECTED FROM THE AGENDA: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RELATED TO AGENDA SESSION ITEMS: None

1. OPEN SESSION

2. Accreditation Workshop II

Information/Discussion

Mr. Range announced that the primary reason for the meeting today is to provide the Board an opportunity to achieve a plan that moves the college forward.

Dr. Silverman who is the facilitator of the meeting, emphasized that it was imperative that the board come together with a mission statement. Following this meeting a draft will be written and presented to the Academic Senate and staff for their input. This input will be collected and included in a finished draft which will be presented at the September board meeting for a first reading, and at the October board meeting for final approval. A consensus should be reached that the Board is moving in the same direction.

A podcast of the State of the County address from April 2007 was presented to provide the county's perspective of what is occurring around us and what role Victor Valley College could play.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Tom Elder, Dennis Henderson, Donald Nelson, Joe Range, Bettye Underhill, ASB Member

Dr. Silverman said the objective today is to obtain guidance from the Board on what they would like to see in these documents. Our mission should be consistent with the State of California's vision statement. A draft of the brainstorming ideas were distributed. It is important that the values are agreed upon. A list of core values and concepts were reviewed and discussed. Following discussion a consensus was reached that the following core values would be utilized and presented to faculty and staff for input:

Core Values

- Excellence (Quality Student Success, Service, Value)
- Integrity (Respect, Responsibility, Outcomes)
- Accessibility
- Diversity
- Collaboration (Agility)
- Innovation

Break: 11:05 a.m. – 11:17 a.m.

Vision Statement

Dr. Silverman reviewed the process of developing a new vision statement. This statement proposes something to the college that is unifying and brings us all together with a direction, commitment, and a dream. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to present the following vision statement to the faculty and staff for their input:

Victor Valley Community College will be the first choice of all students and communities for life long learning, by improving lives and leading in sustainable economic and environmental development.

At 11:47 p.m., Board President, Joe Range recessed to a lunch break.

At 12:20 p.m., Board President, Joe Range reconvened to open session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RELATED TO AGENDA ACTION ITEM 3.0: The following individuals made comments with respect to agenda item 3.0: David Ford and Arlene Greene

3. Action Item

Consider approval of District contract with CSEA Chapter #584
It was MSC (Henderson/Underhill, 5-0) to approve the District contract with CSEA Chapter #584.

12 p.m.

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

12:45 p.m.

Accreditation Workshop II continued

Input and recommendations were received from all board members regarding sustainability, lifelong learning opportunities, new and improved programs and services, and diversity which produced the following mission elements that will be presented to the faculty and staff for their input:

Mission Elements

- Sustainability in environmental stewardship, cultural enrichment economic development and social responsibility will be the foundation of the college.
- The College will provide excellent accessible lifelong learning opportunities and services to allow our students and our communities to develop to their fullest potential and be competitive in a global environment.
- The College will create, through innovation and collaboration, new and improved programs and services that are measurably effective and matched to our student and community needs.
- The College will provide learning opportunities at the student's convenience through distance education and other technologies. Constantly striving to include current and future technologies that enhance the productivity of our students.
- The College will create an institution that reflects the diversity of the community while empowering students to make life choices, adapt to change, build strong communities, participate as a good citizen, contribute to and derive benefit from the new economy.

Upon further discussion, it was determined by all board members that the following possible goals and directions should be considered:

Possible Goals

- Impart to all students the practical basic and critically thinking skills in order to enter into a workforce which supports a vibrant economy.
- Directions
 - Allied Health
 - Transportation logistics & distribution
 - Alternative energy/sustainability
 - Hospitality/Restaurant
 - Teacher preparation
 - Aviation & aerospace
 - Manufacturing

Dr. Silverman summarized the meeting which included a unanimously agreed upon vision, value and mission elements. These documents will be presented to the faculty and staff for their suggested input and will be presented for a first reading at the September board meeting, and a final approval at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


Donald Nelson, Clerk

9-11-07

Date Approved