VVC Accreditation Report Nearly Complete
Final Actions Required to Wrap-up Report

Hard work and dedication from the campus community has paid off with the near completion of Victor Valley College’s accreditation report, said Peter Allan, Interim Executive Vice President/ Instruction and Student Services. The report only lacks a self-evaluation by the Board of Trustees set October 9, as well as a final review of the report.

Once approved and completed, the follow up report will be forwarded to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) on October 12, 2012 for review by the ACCJC visiting team. The college’s ACCJC site visit is set for November 7, 2012. Dr. Henry Shannon, Superintendent/President of Chaffey College, will lead the four-member team.

The recommendations and key actions are as follows:

**Recommendation One**, Mission/Educational Plan, has been reviewed and vetted by community and campus focus groups and will be adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 9, 2012. Approval of the EMP will make this recommendation 100 percent complete.

**Recommendation Two**, planning for continuous improvement, is 100 percent complete. Instructional and Non-instructional program reviews have been updated for 2012-2013 and the cycle for 2013-2014 has begun. Draft PRAISE reports are due by November 1, 2012.

**Recommendation Three**, Student Learning Outcomes assessments, is 100 percent complete. The last of the SLO assessments have been received. VVC is 100 percent compliant with PLO assessments and 78 percent complete with SLO assessments. The recommendation was to demonstrate proficiency, and this recommendation is complete.
Recommendation Four, campus climate, is 100 percent complete. This week the College Council approved six recommendations for improved communication that were developed by the 17-member Communications Task Force. The work of the task force involved reviewing the 2011 and 2012 campus climate surveys to make recommendations for improved communication as an important component in improving campus climate. According to the ACCJC’s comments on campus climate, VVC “is on the right track to continued improvement.” The commission report also noted that “problems will not be solved overnight.”

Recommendation Five, distance education leadership, is 100 percent complete. The Distance Education Task Force has completed a Substantive Change Proposal that will be submitted to the ACCJC on October 15, 2012 for inclusion into the commission agenda for the substantive change committee in November.

Recommendation Six, long-term fiscal plans, is 100 percent complete. The Board of Trustees approved the 2013-2014 budget at the September Board meeting, and previously approved a resolution that required the elimination of the college’s structural deficit by FY 2015/2016.

Recommendation Seven, effective, stable, leadership, is 100 percent complete. In the ACCJC report the visiting team concluded this recommendation had been met through the hiring of a permanent Dean of Student Services, and the creation of other key leadership positions, professional development, and more.

Recommendation Eight, Board of Trustees’ role, is nearly 100 percent complete. The Board of Trustees is set to conduct a self-evaluation on October 9, 2012 in open session. Once the evaluation is completed, this recommendation will be satisfied.