

Academic Senate Resolution - Academic Freedom & Censorship

Eliminating the Information Technology Department from Instruction and Learning to Restore Academic Freedom and Stop Censorship at Victor Valley College

Whereas VVC has a board policy, BP 4030, that protects academic freedom, and

Whereas, the Information Technology Department staff has regularly come into classrooms while classes are in session and have harassed and reprimanded students, and

Whereas, the Information Technology Department is filtering website access to the point of censorship, and

Whereas, the Information Technology Department has blocked departments from getting and using current operating systems and industry standard software even though VVC has licenses for these programs, the Information Technology Department will not allow it to be used, and

Whereas, the Information Technology Department is attempting to control all instructional labs by trying to install invasive software not needed or wanted for operating systems and networking clients, and

Whereas, it is unreasonable and impractical for faculty to be required to give the Information Technology Department each specific website the students in each lab may go to for an assignment, and

Whereas, the management and administration have repeatedly ignored and allowed these things to occur and continue even though faculty have met continually with managers and administration describing the problems in detail and there has been no change or progress made,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees direct the administration to stop the censorship and restore academic freedom by keeping the Information Technology Department out of instruction.