



Victor Valley Community College District Board of Trustees Special Meeting

Minutes

Strategic Conversations #1 Victor Valley Community College District Student Activities Center Rooms A-C

May 23, 2006

5 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Trustees of Victor Valley Community College District met in Open Session on May 23 2006, in the Student Activities Building. Mr. Range, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

Mr. Range announced that only the beginning and the end of the session would be recorded and that the public comments portion would be the Strategic Conversations. He explained that Strategic Conversations are being utilized at several colleges to overcome barriers to communication. Strategic Conversations typically include the identification of questions and issues that face the college in its service to students. A format of small groups, reporting out and leading to discussion will provide a sense of agreement on the priority items and strategies to address these priority items.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Range, Board President; Mr. Dennis Henderson, Vice President; Mr. Donald Nelson, Clerk Trustee, Dr. Bettye Underhill, Trustee, Thomas M. Elder, II, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberlee Kelly

STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Spencer, Mr. Baron, Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Prystowsky, Annette McComas, Willie Davis Pringle, Robert Sewell, Brent Wood, Patty Jones, Eartha Johnson, Patti Jennings, Carol Backofner, Neville Slade, other staff, and members of the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Willie Davis Pringle led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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


Approximately 55 people attended the Strategic Conversation #1 for the purpose of encouraging faculty and staff to engage in dialogue with the Board of Trustees on issues that were suggested in response to a campus-wide email distributed by Dr. Spencer. Dr. Pat Caldwell served as the facilitator of the event. Attendees participated in brainstorming sessions for the following topics: 1) How can we move to being "one faculty" at VVC; 2) What is the current status of Title V funds received by VVC, and are these funds being utilized as envisioned in the grant application?; 3) What do we "value" at VVC?; 4) How can we get more involvement of faculty, staff and students in the decision-making process?; 5) How can we improve communication on campus?; 6) Is it time to completely overhaul or modernize our General Education requirements so that we ensure well-educated well-balanced students?

A summary of the discussion and outcomes will be available within the month and distributed District wide.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED:



Joe Ränge, President



Donald Nelson, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Spencer, Ph.D.
Secretary

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Date Approved