

Academic Senate Resolution: Wireless Internet Security and Censorship on VVC Campus

November 10, 2011

Presenters: Paul Toning, Debra Blanchard

Whereas, The Academic Senate of Victor Valley College is charged and supported by Title 5 with processes and procedures concerning academic and professional matters which include academic freedom, methods of instruction and modes of instructional delivery;

Whereas, The Academic Senate of Victor Valley College is concerned with restricted access to educational resources through the current internet system;

Whereas, The current system of censoring websites blocks students and faculty from using a variety of internet sources that they desire to use in instructional settings on campus;

Whereas, Session hijacking on the current campus wireless system is possible and has been experienced;

Whereas, Currently there is no way to prevent session hijacking on campus;

Whereas, Providing students and faculty with a secure wireless internet system is of high importance;

Whereas, Hackers and violators cannot be identified and held accountable with the current security system; and

Whereas, The selection and use of Websense (current internet security program) was made void of collegial consultation with the Academic Senate of Victor Valley College;

Resolved, That the campus employ a technology that secures the internet system (wireless and network) on campus without censorship of educational resources; and

Resolved, That the choice of this security system and filtering options be made in consultation with the Academic Senate of Victor Valley College; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate be relied upon primarily in the selection of internet security and the filtering options; and

Resolved, That students and faculty be required to have a username and password to access the wireless internet system on campus that would enable VVC to approach violations on a case by case basis instead of internet censorship; and

Resolved, That this system be implemented before Fall 2012.