

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes from the Meeting of June 12th, 2017**

**Senators and Officers present:** Balm, Clem, Cruz, Delas, Dolen, Karmi, Hertler, Kalpin, Klingman, Levy, Liu, Mello, Mjelde, Pape, Setziol, Stockwell, Subramaniam, Tracey, Walton, and Wethington  
**Senators and Officers Absent :** Deck, Donahue, Kragalott, Malek, Miskin, Nguyen, Sullivan, and Vargas

**DASB:**

**FA Liaison:** Bob Stockwell

**Classified Senate:**

**Curriculum Co Chair:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Randy Bryant

**Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.:**

**Guests:** Elias Kamal (student Trustee) , Roberta Bloom, Shagun Kaur, Sheila White-Daniels

**[NOTE: Item numbers are reflective of agenda numbers in the order they are actually taken up at the meeting.]**

**The meeting was called together at 2:32, a quorum being present.**

**I. Welcome:** Cruz gave a welcome that featured congratulations to Subramaniam on the occasion of his being selected as the new dean of Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, California. The group reacted with applause with a few friendly boos indicating that Foothill's gain is De Anza's loss.

**II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed with the following changes: Item III to become Needs and Confirmations, Item IVA moved to the meeting of June 19<sup>th</sup>, and "2<sup>nd</sup> Reading" added to the title of Item IVB

**III. Needs and Confirmations:** Cruz projected a proposed Search and Selection Committee for the open Pediatric Nursing Faculty member position. There were a number of concerns expressed. In addition to the problem of proposed membership being entirely composed of females, why a classified person was proposed, especially one whose duties are not apparently connected to the position was said to be a question that needed to be answered. Setziol reminded the group that the agreed upon procedure was for the faculty members to be confirmed to

comprise the basic committee along with the dean and Equal Opportunity representative before others are considered by that group.

**III B. Public Comment:** Student Trustee Elias Kamal returned to announce that the campaign asking for Santa Clara County's Valley Transit Authority to reconsider a proposed hike in the EcoPass fee for college students was successful. Kamal was lauded by Stockwell who gave an account of the campaign and its reception by County supervisors. Applause followed.

**IV. Action Items: B: Administrative Procedure 4235 – Credit by Examination for review:** Cruz distributed a draft of proposed changes to the current District policy and projected a message from the Chancellor's Office detailing changes required as well as a matrix showing general education courses and the current listing of Advanced Placement (AP) scores qualifying for satisfying each course listed. A lively discussion ensued with numerous questions and concerns emerging. Some of the threads of statements, questions, and concerns were: this is part of a statewide move to streamline the educational process in order to get students through the system in less time and with fewer hurdles than currently; questions related to primary reliance and which portions of the issue called for it; questions related to information needed about what AP scores meant in terms of academic achievement and what is meant by the term "closely related course"; statements of concern about eliminating the cap on the number of units that could be acquired by examination due to the result calling into question whether a degree subsequently granted could really be called a De Anza degree. Having heard the discussion and observing that other statements and questions were still outstanding, Cruz determined that the item needed further discussion prior to any approvals or follow up work. She asked that concerns and questions be forwarded to her prior to the item returning.

**V. Discussion and Information Items: A: Open Educational Resources (OER) Campus Initiative Update:** Shagun Kaur, newly appointed faculty coordinator gave an enthusiastic presentation of the capacities and promise of OER. She started by showing statistics which presented a problem of students not purchasing and avoiding classes with high cost textbooks. 65% of all students report that they do not buy expensive textbooks. 48% take fewer courses than they plan to take because of the cost of texts for particular classes. Faculty are apparently getting more enthusiastic about OER and some are embracing a goal of having there be zero cost for texts all the way through a student's time at De Anza. 50 faculty are already using some amount of OER. Another update will be coming in the Fall.

**D. Introducing EduNav, De Anza's New Student Academic Planning System:** Sheila White-Daniels introduced Justin Falk who then made the presentation. Falk

began by informing the group that the Board had approved the system in March. He characterized his presentation as being introduction and demonstration. The system incorporates all student data collected by the college as well as all degree, certificate, and transfer requirements on file. The system represents unprecedented access to student information and links choices to outcomes towards an educational goal from education planning to degree or transfer ready completion. In his demonstration he showed that multiple possible pathways emerge given specific choices by students. He ended by telling the group about the implementation plan: 1) Review by the counselors during the summer, 2) A pilot phase in the fall, and 3) General release in the Winter.

**C. Starfish Early Alert Update:** Kalpin presented on behalf of the ad hoc Starfish Implementation group. Kalpin revealed that the system will show faculty how an individual student is doing in other classes in terms of alerts and a number of other things that were well received by the group. There was a question about communication between instructors and counselors and whether or not counselors would have access to communications between instructors and students. There will be another update in Fall.

**B. Institutional Metrics Plans:** Due to time constraints, the item was limited to the distribution of plans from Civic Engagement, Career and Technical Education, Equity, ESL, and English.

**VI. Reports:** The Open Educational resources group is inviting questions and requests for information.

**VII. Meeting Evaluation:** It was said that there had been a lot of dynamic discussion but there was not enough time for discussion.

**VIII. Good of the Order and Appreciations:** - Kudos to Kalpin and Shagun Kaur for their presentations.

- The library's annual book sale was said to have started and will run until June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Stockwell was appreciated for having taking a group of students to a national conference and bravo to the students who went.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.**