

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of June 6th, 2011

Senators and Officers present: Anderson, Beckum, Botsford, Chow, Glapion, Goldman, Guevara, Hanna, Kryliouk Lathers, Lee-Wheat, Larson, Lee, Lewis, Maynard, Nguyen, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Swanner, and Yang

Senators and Officers Absent: Annen, Betlach, Buchanan, Castaño, Mello, Nickel, Sullivan, and Tao,

DASB: Kevin Trinh **Classified Senate:**

Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng **Guests:** Farnaz Dayani, Kirsten Criscenti, Alice Cotti, Pippa Gibson, Amy West, Allyson Satoria, and Emily Kinner

SLO coordinators/Staff Development: Mary Pape, Toño Ramirez, and Jim Haynes

Curriculum Co Chair:

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:36, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Agenda and Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of May 23rd were approved with the removal of language putting golf and Rick Maynard in the same sentence.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Mary Alice Bonilla was confirmed to serve on the Student Grievance Hearing Board. Lee-Wheat distributed a handout calling for faculty representation on the Student Services Planning and Budgeting Team, the Instructional Planning and Budgeting Team, and the Finance and Educational Resources Planning and Budgeting Team. A description of the charge to each group was included.

III. Vice President and President's Reports: Anderson reminded the group that newly tenured faculty will be celebrated at the June 20th meeting and that attempts are being made to have the tenure review committees of these faculty also in attendance. Next, Anderson informed the group of various news reports of Foothill college students challenging what many believe to be illegal fees for access to online courses. Vice President Christina Espinosa-Pieb has already organized an effort to determine whether or not a similar liability exists at De

Anza. The officers and the Executive Committee will need to pursue the broader ethical issues raised by the situation.

Everyone was strongly encouraged to read the Accreditation Self Study now available for review. Anderson will be asking individual Senators to concentrate on specific sections of the document. At the final two meetings of this academic term Senators will spend a substantial amount of time discussing and eventually approving the self study.

The District Academic and Professional Matters Committee is planning the opening day activities for the coming September. The District Day is to be a slimmed down affair without a high priced guest speaker. Accreditation will be featured, with Foothill, De Anza, and Central Services taken together and separately. All employee awareness and some level of knowledge about accreditation is a goal. To that end a “mythbusters” activity regarding governance and decision making roles and processes will take place, exploring and providing knowledge.

IV. Landscape Architect: Landscape architect Amy West gave a detailed presentation on dozens of aspects of the campus and plans for action regarding the landscaping of the college including plants, trees, and paving materials (especially particular paving materials for particular locations and purposes). In response to questions about an infamous landscaping action of a few years ago, it was said that all of the actions planned, including tree removal, were studied very carefully and sanctioned by the Facilities Committee and prepared by multiple professionals in the appropriate fields.

V. Solar Panel Installation: Maynard expressed concern about a possible enrollment decline due to parking problems inherent in the construction scheduled for the coming year including the installation of solar panels. After hearing the concern, Anderson pledged to check with appropriate administrators to get their response to the concern and to hear what steps have been taken to minimize the displacement of parking spaces.

VI. SLO Resolution Second Reading: After presentation and thoughtful discussion during which pertinent questions were raised and answered, the resolution was approved unanimously. The resolution acknowledges the role of the SLO process in the culture of inquiry promoted by the Academic Senate and charges the officers with working towards the inclusion of SLO work in the list of examples of “professional contributions” in Article 7.1 of the District collective bargaining agreement.

VII. Scholarship Recipients: Scholarship recipients Farnaz Dayani and Kirsten Criscenti were present to thank the group for their Academic Senate scholarships and the group gave them a hearty round of applause in congratulation.

VIII. District Academic Senate President: Lee-Wheat was selected as the De Anza Academic Senate choice to be District Academic Senate President. After the vote, Anderson stated that the Foothill Academic Senate was set to approve the appointment. The stipend for the position will be \$3,000 instead of the contractual \$6,000 for the 2011-2012 year.

IX. Diversity Coordinator Position Resolution: Chow read the minimal changes made subsequent to the first reading. The resolution was approved. The resolution affirms first priority for the position and charges the officers to pursue position authorization in the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

X. Good of the Order: Events of the week of June 6th were highlighted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20