

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of February 6th, 2012**

**Senators and Officers present:** Botsford, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Khanna, Larson, Lee-Wheat, Leonard, Maynard, Mitchell, Nguyen, Quintero, Schaffer, Setziol, Sullivan, Swanner, Tiwana, Truong, and VonMatt

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Castaño, Kryliouk, E. Lee, M. Lee, and Singh,

**DASB:**

**Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng

**Guests:** Mallory Newell, Brian Murphy, Mona Aboukhaled, Veronica Neal, and Rich Schroeder

**Curriculum Co Chair:** Anu Khanna

**[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 2:32, a quorum being present.**

**I. Approval of Notes and Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of January 30th were approved as distributed.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** Jason Bram was confirmed for service on the Student Discipline Hearing Board. The selection of a Part Time Faculty Representative was postponed. Statements from all three announced candidates will be distributed for discussion and selection is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>. Chow introduced Veronica Neal who then further introduced herself as the newly appointed Director of Equity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Education. Rowena Tomaneng told the group that the title change for the position was to make it more descriptive of the work involved in the position. Her office will be Administration 105. For the time being, she will be acclimating herself to the campus and its workings and introducing herself across campus. She will, for example, take over the training and assigning of Equal Opportunity Representatives for Search and Selection processes.

**III. Senate Budgets:** Chow began by enumerating some of the facets of Academic Senate financial support coming from the Senate's B (College) Budget. During the presentation and ensuing discussion, it was revealed that the spending rate is normal to this point in the year, that funds not spent will not carry over. It

was also clarified that the slightly over one year old Senate office computer was not purchased from this budget.

**At this point Brian Murphy addressed the group. His primary reason for coming was to announce the official letter of reaccreditation coming from the Accrediting Commission of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. He expressed some dismay at a lack of recognition or thanks in the letter for the extraordinary work of faculty and staff commented upon by the visiting team. He went on to read recommendations for consideration in three areas, the College mission statement, evaluation of institutional planning, and accelerating SLO related efforts.**

**Back to III.** Setziol began the return to item III by distributing copies of the Senate Dues Account Budget. He told the group that the unusually high balance for this time of the year was in part because the District sent payments for dues collected for summer in this and previous years. A question was raised with regard to why no funds were being spent to support the two Senate scholarships. Setziol replied that an endowing level of contributions to the fund had been achieved several years ago and that the Senate had not been contributing since. He said that if the group decided to increase the amount of the scholarship, more money would be needed to put the fund back into endowed status.

**IV. Spring Quarter Student Survey:** Mallory Newell was present to share the plans for the administration and use of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSE) in Spring 2012. De Anza last participated in the survey in 2009. In order to maximize the prospects for a high response rate, the survey will be done exclusively in up to 120 course sections at De Anza. Instructors will be asked to provide at least 20 and 50 minutes of class time. For students to finish. If all goes according to plan the college will be able to see trends in engagement and plan any appropriate changes utilizing data analysis towards improving student success and retention.

**V. CCCO statement on course repeatability:** Chow read a letter from State Vice Chancellor Barry Russell saying that changes to Title 5 regarding repeatability won't be discussed in the CCCO Consultation Council until late spring at the earliest and that full implementation would be at least two years away. He went on to say that colleges should make no curricular changes at the present time based on trying to anticipate the outcome of deliberations and approval processes. She also read a letter from Rich Schroeder relating a conversation with Vice Chancellor Russell on the topic. Schroeder added that we should send additional feedback on repeatability to the CCCO and be prepared to make changes in the expected direction of limiting repeatability.

**VI. SSTF legislative Bill:** Chow began by reminding the group of the ingredients proposed for enabling legislation and pointed to a nine page document outlining a draft of the bill that will be brought to legislators regarding the SSTF recommendations. She asked for and received support for having groups within the Executive Committee analyze and report on different sections within the document. Cruz mentioned several aspects of activism and potential activism. She included a question about the position of the FHDA Board of Trustees and the prospects of seeking their support of the concerns expressed by the students and faculty.

**VII. Burning Issues:** - Sullivan led off by reporting on recent activities of the Campus Center Board and the Facilities Committee. She listed several construction project completion targets such as the swimming pools March 12<sup>th</sup>, sunken garden Spring, and the Mediated Learning Center in June. With regard to the last, Chow reminded the group that for the first year after opening, the building will be used as swing space for the current occupants of the Advanced Technology Center (ATC).

- Setziol brought up a concern shared by faculty across the campus about the decline in both biodiversity and biomass on campus due primarily to a constant increase in the amount of paving. Several Senators spoke about possible avenues to address the issue such as finding out if there is an existing policy, paying attention to the net effect of facilities projects when they are presented to the group, and asking the Campus Environmental Advisory Group to report on the issue.
- Chenoweth reported that the Governance Task Force was in the process of finalizing the new governance handbook and will want to report on it soon.

**VIII. Good of the Order:** - Chow reminded the group of the upcoming Partners in Learning Conference. It was reported that of the 21 slots for presentations, 18 topics have been proposed.

- The Environmental Studies department and the Child Development Center have teamed up to present a community gardening experience for children.
- Chow mentioned several events of the week.
- The next Health Services workshop will be on relationships February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- A Day of Remembrance of the Japanese American Internment event discussing civil liberties and Muslim Americans will be held February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4: 22.**