

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of

March 5th, 2012

Senators and Officers present: Ahrens, Chenoweth, Donahue, Freeman, Guevara, Hanna, Kryliouk, Lee-Wheat, Maynard, Mitchell, Quintero, Setziol, Sullivan, Swanner, Tiwana, and VonMatt

Senators and Officers Absent: Botsford, Castaño, Chow, Cruz, Glapion, Khanna, Larson, E. Lee, M. Lee, Leonard, Nguyen, Schaffer, Singh, and Truong,

DASB:

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison:

Guests:

Curriculum Co Chair:

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

Lacking a quorum at 2:38, Lee-Wheat announced that the group would begin the meeting on an informal basis.

V. Resolution on Athletics: Setziol distributed a document containing a quote from the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) stating the role of the LAO and a Draft Resolution. The draft resolution was written in response to the LAO recommendation for the defunding of athletics. The intent of the resolution is to emphasize the fact that the LAO has gone beyond the scope of its role in State government in making its recommendation and to ask the Statewide Academic Senate to ask the LAO to withdraw its recommendation. After reading the draft resolution, Setziol stated that there were too many whereas clauses for consideration by the State Academic Senate and asked for suggestions from the group as to priority and possible combining of whereases. After a thoughtful and productive discussion Setziol said that he had a clear idea of how the resolution should be revised and announced that the revised version would return March 12th for action.

The meeting was called to order at 2:43, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed with the understanding of reordering and the removal of Item VIII: Governance. The draft notes of February 27th were approved as distributed with the replacement of some Good of the Order language in the distributed version and minor edits

IV. Partners in Learning: Lee-Wheat and Reza presented a brochure from the conference which was titled “Imagining and Cultivating Communities” and highlighted sample sessions. Students of Donna Stasio provided facilitation. A program facilitation technique called “World Café” was said to be a good tool that is available on line. An example of a session said to be exciting was “Would you teach differently if you didn’t have grades”. It was described as a very promising exercise at getting more and better information to students about their achievements in a class compared with just assigning grades. Von Matt and Ahrens personally attested to the value of this and other sessions. As a result of the conference, a poor people’s club will be launched. Reza, with the encouragement of the group said she was planning to make the sessions specifically cited as well as others available in different formats such as “Fly By” workshops. There were 140 attendees to this very successful event.

II. Mediated Learning Center and ATC Swing Space: Donna Jones Dulin gave the group an update on the project and answered a variety of questions. The facility should open in Fall of 2012 with most of the space being used initially by those programs currently occupying the ATC building (which is scheduled to be renovated starting in December 2012). Two of the rooms will go to foreign languages, two to Anthropology with the remainder of the classrooms being for general use. The office of Organizational and Staff development and the television center are also included. Interesting features of the LEED certified building include there being no air conditioning except for the TV Center portion. The space currently being used as the TV Center (A-8) will be converted to a multiple use facility.

III. Needs and Confirmations: Ken Weisner, Jesus Quintero, Marc Coronado, and Donna Stasio were confirmed for service on the Journalism Faculty Search and Selection Committee. Debbie Wagner, Cassie Hanna, and Judith Clavijo were confirmed for service on the HTEC Faculty Search and Selection Committee. Vicki Annen, Judy Cuff-Alvarado, Doris Spanggord, and Mike Appio were confirmed for service on the Biology Faculty Search and Selection Committee. Sherri Cozzens, Catherine Hrycyk, and Judith Clavijo were confirmed for service on the Nursing Faculty Search and Selection Committee.

VI. IPBT Closing the Loop: De Anza’s plan for all manner of SLO type activities calls for closing the loop of description, assessment, evaluation, and planning with resource allocation as appropriate and beginning the process over again. The timing of the current effort to close the loop is connected with the need to respond to the SLO related recommendation of the accreditation site visit team. Lee-Wheat announced a plan by IPBT to award up to \$25,000 in mini grants to

facilitate the efforts of individual departments. This announcement was greeted with many questions, most of which expressed some serious misgivings about the expenditure of that much money at a time when things known to be important to the college, like the offering of courses, were not being funded. Chenoweth made the point that the proposal did not promise the result requested by the accreditation team. Lee-Wheat told the group that an institutional response was required and one, unquestionable institutional commitment was the commitment of money and other resources. Those who were skeptical did not express satisfaction with this answer. It was suggested that all \$25,000 need not be spent and that only the most promising proposals being accepted. Haynes and Lee-Wheat promised to address some of the questions by bringing back examples of possible mini grant proposals.

VII. Draft SSPBT Viability Process: Haynes gave a thorough and clear presentation of a brand new SSPBT process. The process proved to be analogous to the IPBT process with differences as appropriate because of the differences between instruction with its offerings of courses and Student Services with its offerings of services.

VIII. Governance: Assessment of College Process: The Item was held over

IX. Good of the Order: - Sullivan announced that 180 people attended the latest Health Services workshop.

- There will be a new Weight Watchers group starting up with an informational event Monday, March 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 32