

The De Anza Academic Senate

Draft Notes from the Meeting of February 13th, 2017

Senators and Officers present: Alexander, Cruz, Delas, Dolen, Donahue, Hertler, Kalpin, Karmi, Kragalott, Leonard, Liu, Malek, Mjelde, Nguyen, Setziol, Stockwell, and Walton

Senators and Officers Absent : Breen, Clem, Deck, Khanna, Klingman, Levy, Mello, Miskin, Pape, Subramaniam, Sullivan, and Vargas

DASB: Kurumi Sasaki

FA Liaison: Bob Stockwell

Classified Senate:

Curriculum Co Chair:

Administrative Liaison:

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

Guests: Brian Murphy, Tom Izu, Purba Fernandez, and Carolyn Wilkins-Greene

[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 2:31, a quorum being present.

I. Welcome – Happy Valentines Day greetings were exchanged.

II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of February 6th were approved as distributed with minor corrections.

IV. Needs and Confirmations: There were no names presented for confirmation. Needs mentioned were:

- One or two faculty for the Professional Relations Committee
- A Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering Senator
- Starfish Core Team members
- Scholarship reviewers [Nguyen and Walton volunteered]

There were inquiries about the work required of volunteers for the Starfish Core Team but no volunteers.

III. College President Remarks: Dr. Murphy addressed the group on the multifaceted topic of the results and implications of the Trump presidency. A small card containing specific language that could be used in case of confrontation with a federal official asking for information about students was distributed. All official inquiries are to go through President Murphy's office. Following a FHDA

Board directive, employees are asked to not cooperate directly with informal requests from federal officials. Given all of this, however, Murphy suggested that the likelihood of confrontations with federal officials was extremely remote. Murphy then turned his attention to the topic of support for students and the tricky balance that must be maintained between allowing the majority of students who are distressed by Trump's words and actions to hear faculty thoughts while adamantly maintaining the right of students who agree with Trump to have and voice their thoughts. The library and the college website have resources for students who feel threatened or want to be involved in actions resisting the new administration's actions. Murphy ended by stating that he believes Trump to be an existential threat to education and our students.

V. Public Comment: There were no members of the public in attendance. However, a video titled "Resources for Undocumented Students" - URL <http://www.deanza.edu/students/undoc-students.html> - was shown produced by the Marketing and Communications office in collaboration with the District Human Resources division focusing on resources available for undocumented students. Cruz ended the item by showing "Statements of Support" from the college website.

VI. Discussion/Information Items:

A – Institutional Metrics Review: Career and Technical Education:

Referring to documents previously distributed, Cruz took the group through the metrics in pursuit of understanding that De Anza is lagging behind in coming up to established standards and in pursuit of ideas and proposals to increase the college's ability to meet short and long term goals. Bringing back the career center was brought up as something which would put career and technical education in greater focus.

B – Update from the California History Center: Tom Izu, California History center director, assisted by others, gave a presentation which began with a brief background of the center and its place as a nearly unique resource in California. He highlighted current events and pointed out that both historically and currently, the center has been and is able to have a role in situations like the current national situation. He showed a copy of the center's magazine and said the center encouraged faculty presentations and future connections with the Academic Senate.

C - Associate Degree for Transfer: Cruz distributed a handout on the current status of these degrees, of which De Anza currently has 12 with another (Chemistry) in process. She stressed that De Anza is lagging behind other colleges and that the degrees are increasingly popular with students.

D – Board Policy 5000 – Admissions: The item was held over.

VII. Action Item: request for funds – Department Chairs Meeting: It was MSCU (Donahue/Stockwell) to approve up to \$200 to provide lunch for the department Chairs meeting February 24th.

VI. Reports: - Nguyen, reporting for the IPBT, said that group was discussing the proposal to change the leadership identity of the Equity from faculty to administration. It was noted that adding a new administrative position was questioned as a priority at a time when there are many unfilled and unfunded classified and faculty vacancies.

- The Open Educational Resources (OER) group has finalized the job description for the OER faculty coordinator position. The next step will be to decide on appropriate compensation, possibly reassigned time and or a stipend.

IX. Meeting Evaluation: - The goal of Item VI A (Institutional Metrics) was questioned [responded to by Cruz].

X. Good of the Order and Appreciations: - It was suggested that the college could invite local legislators, including US Representative Khanna, to speak on their actions and contemplated actions resisting the threats presented by the Trump administration.

- All were invited to join the Outdoor Club's Monterey Bay kayaking adventure.

- Thanks for the cookies.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.