

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of January 30th, 2012**

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

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Glapion, E. Lee, and Singh,

**DASB:** Orit Mohamed

**Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng

**Guests:** Jen Myhre, Patty Guitron, Mallory Newell, Christina Espinosa-Pieb, Emily Breunig, Angela de Cordero, Toño Ramirez, Mary Pape, Letha Jeanpierre, Brian Murphy, and First Year Experience students

**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 December 5th were approved as distributed with a minor correction.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** There were no confirmations. In addition to reiterating previously mentioned needs, Chow asked the rates of information about and response to the opening for a part time faculty representative. Hearing very little of either, she extended the time to make a decision about the appointment to the meeting of February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Kei Fischer Introduction:** The introduction was a self introduction with Kei Fischer introducing herself as the Community Organizer for the college's Institute for Community and Civic Engagement (ICCE). She distributed flyers for an event Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> titled "Are You a Leader".

**X. Good of the Order:** - The De Anza Outdoor Club had a successful trip to Yosemite during which teamwork and thoughtfulness were ideals reinforced through not entirely planned experience.

- The DASB announced a General Assembly Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Occupy Wall Street offshoot at De Anza, a prelude to activities on the remaining Tuesdays prior to the culminating March 5<sup>th</sup> March in March march.
- Chow reminded everyone that, in addition to all the other College scholarships for which February 16<sup>th</sup> is the application deadline, there are two Academic Senate scholarships. Readers of the applications are needed. There is an orientation session to help the readers.
- This year's Partners in Learning event was again highlighted with a reminder that the deadline for proposals was Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Asian and Pacific Islander event "Oceans of Impact" was termed a well attended success. The next workshop for which, again, Professional Growth credit is available, was said to be specific to helping Philippino students.

**V. Prerequisites:** Khanna presented background information towards understanding what is being proposed for a District Policy on Prerequisites.

**IV. FYE Presentation:** President Murphy and Vice President for Instruction Christina Espinosa-Pieb having entered the room, Chow interrupted item V in favor of Item IV which had not been taken up in order for them to present during this presentation. Chow introduced Jen Myhre and Emily Breunig and a large group of First Year Experience (FYE) students. She then told of the program being given an Honorable Mention in the prestigious Exemplary Program Award for 2012. The Exemplary Program Award is an award from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Much applause and many photographs followed.

**Back to V. Prerequisites:** Khanna continued by explaining that the Foothill Academic Senate is promoting adoption of the newly approved "content review only" approach to adopting prerequisites whereas it is a well established De Anza position and practice to require both content review and statistical validation. Given this, the permissive Board Policy language projected by Khanna on a screen in the meeting will be presented by Chow, Lee-Wheat, and Khanna. In response to a question, Mallory Newell confirmed that statistical validation will be supported by the office of Institutional Research and is not an onerous ordeal. [NOTE: A copy of the proposal presented by Khanna will be attached as an appendix to the notes of this meeting on the Academic Senate website

**VI. IPBT:** Lee-Wheat and then Christina Espinosa-Pieb and Rowena Tomaneng focused on a current opportunity for divisions to change budget reduction plans to enable the replacement of retiring full time faculty. Newly identified vacancies to be will join the list (14 currently) proposed for 7 slots to be approved for Search and Selection processes. The IPBT will identify and approve 9 positions. The

deadline had been announced for Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Senators felt that the majority of faculty had not been advised of the deadline for announcing intended retirement. Espinosa-Pieb agreed that extending the deadline to February 10<sup>th</sup> was prudent.

**VII. SLO and April 27<sup>th</sup> Convocation:** Toño Ramirez and Mary Pape presented the main topic of this year's SLO convocation, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The topic is to be Institutional Assessment of Institutional Core Competencies (another ICC), this year focusing on the Critical Thinking ICC. They projected tentative materials onto a screen. Pape said that Senators would be sent a survey/questionnaire on the topic later in the day.

**VIII. District and De Anza Budget:** Vice President: Finance and Educational Resources presented the latest information and assessment of that information. She mentioned, among many things that the State deficit, while significant, is smaller than it was the last two years and is currently projected to be \$9 billion. She spoke thoroughly to a document distributed at the meeting which showed the California Community Colleges synopsis of the current situation on one side and clear presentations of different past and present possible scenarios for income and expenses for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. President Murphy added a ringing analysis of why he could not accept all of the IPBT recommendations for cost reductions. Primarily, he cited an implausible likelihood that the college could sustain numbers of students and minimal services with the totality of cuts presented. According to Murphy, the rest will have to come from somewhere else.

**IX. Student Success Task Force:** Chow presented the current state of affairs and projected next steps of this Chancellor's Office backed initiative. Previously headed for three or four proposed bills, the plan is to have all of the recommendations requiring enabling legislation rolled into one bill. There is a Joint Assembly and Senate Education Committees meeting in Sacramento Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Californians for Educational Access, a group partially organized by Cruz is presenting a vigorous critique of some of the recommendations, similar to ASCCC resolutions on the topic. Chow is also working with City College of San Francisco Senate President Karen Saginor on ways to advocate against the worst of the recommendations at events like Joint Assembly and Senate Education Committees meetings in Sacramento.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4: 34**