

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of March 19th, 2012

Senators and Officers present: Ahrens, Castaño, Chenoweth, Chow, Freeman, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Kryliouk, Larson, E. Lee, M. Lee, Lee-Wheat, Maynard, Mitchell, Leonard, Nguyen, Quintero, Setziol, Schaffer, Singh, Sullivan, Swanner, Tiwana, Truong, and VonMatt

Senators and Officers Absent: Botsford, Donahue, and Cruz

DASB:

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison: Rich Schroeder, Rowena Tomaneng

Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Education: Veronica Neal

Guests: Laurel Torres

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 2:31, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of March 12th were approved as distributed with the removal of some spurious Good of the Order language.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Susanne Chan, Herminio Hernando, Christine Chai, and Cheryl Woodward were approved for service on the AANAPISI Grant Counselor Search and Selection Committee. Mae Lee was approved for service on the Chemistry faculty Search and Selection Committee. There was an appeal for volunteers to serve as Equal Opportunity (EO) representatives, especially men because the EO representatives are 80% female currently. There is a need for an interim appointment to the DARE Task Force which meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

III. President's and Vice President's Reports: Chow began by acknowledging Sullivan who distributed copies of a newly revised policy on non motorized and motorized vehicles. Sullivan asked that any concerns to be directed to her. Veronica Neal then announced an Equity Office (a name change from Diversity) open house Wednesday, March 21st. Chow told the group of a meeting at Foothill College for a discussion of a new policy proposed at San Jose State University

ending guaranteed admission for qualified Santa Clara County students, substituting preference for the previous guarantee. After a brief discussion, Chow said she would contact Becky Bartendale to see about the prospects for a similar meeting at De Anza. Chow then went on to talk about the agreement in Sacramento merging the CFT and Governor's proposals for temporary increases in sales taxes and for the top income categories.

The next topic was more locally focused. It was Chow's analysis that more work on the recent governance discussion is warranted and she also announced that the FA is willing to facilitate division and department discussions, particularly in areas where knowledge of "past practice" is fading due to the retirement of long time faculty. Finally she announced that, much to the chagrin of faculty groups statewide and the Chancellor's Office, Santa Monica College, despite failing to secure legislation enabling it to offer credit instruction through a private foundation and charging \$200 per unit, nonetheless is moving ahead with the idea. Chow received support for writing a resolution urging the ASCCC to take action to help prevent Santa Monica from implementing its plan. Lee-Wheat announced that the Academic and Professional Matters committee has secured agreement from Foothill college on a plan to ensure both colleges' involvement in either college's plans to discontinue academic or student services programs.

IV. Curriculum Institute Funds Request: After a brief discussion including a description of the institute by Anu Khanna, it was MSCU(Hanna/Chenoweth) to authorize up to \$800 for the costs associated with attendance by Khanna and Ram Subramaniam.

V. Transfer AA Degrees: Setziol distributed a "reader's digest" version of his paper on the history, systems, and implementation of Transfer Associate degrees and began the item by highlighting some aspects of that document. He then mentioned that a presentation to the department chairs in the Social Sciences was highly successful and could be duplicated for other divisions. Anu Khanna then briefly went over the basic elements of Curriculum Committee and State approval processes involved in getting a TMC degree [NOTE: "TMC Aligned degree" is the official State title]. The possibility of having a "grow your own" transfer AA with its pros and cons was also discussed as being a viable option for disciplines without a TMC or with a TMC of very limited applicability for a high percentage of De Anza students in a particular major. A discussion ensued, beginning what is likely to be a repeated discussion of philosophy and practicality regarding these degrees. Striking a balance was said to be important between getting students into success predicting cohorts and allowing students who enter undecided some time to find their way. Truong and Torres emphasized the role of counseling and, in particular, Counseling 200 classes in getting students a good orientation to college and what is involved in successful completion. A strong correlation between successful completion and students taking either an English or a math class plus

one major preparation class in their first two terms in college was referenced. Also, it was said that perhaps there could be a collaboration in creating a resource for students including frequently asked questions about what it takes to major and graduate in the various disciplines at the college.

VI. Statewide Senate Spring 2012 Resolutions: The Spring Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) will be April 19th through the 21st. Because of this and the fact that the Area B meetings where pre session resolutions are discussed will be March 30th, the De Anza group will only have the meeting of April 16th to discuss resolutions. Chow mentioned a few pre session resolutions including ones on accreditation compliance, online teaching, Career and Technical Education advisory committees, the role of counseling faculty, and course enrollment maximums.

VII. Good of the Order: - Emily Kinner attended a working group meeting where work was being done on amendments to pending legislation flowing from the Student Success Task Force (SSTF) recommendations. Faculty were told to check the FACCC website for information.

- There will be no Duel at De Anza this year. Instead of promoting that event, Maynard made postcards available promoting the annual fundraising golf tournament put on by the Automotive Technology department.
- Asian American students are staging a showing of a documentary film about Japanese picture brides March 22nd.
- An informational meeting about this summer's study abroad opportunity will be April 12th from 12:30 to 1:30 in Library 235.
- April 27th is the date for this year's SLO Convocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 08