

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of May 7th, 2012**

**Senators and Officers present:** Ahrens, Botsford, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz Donahue, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Larson, Lee-Wheat, Maynard, Mitchell, E. Lee, S. Lee, Leonard, Nguyen, Quintero, Setziol, Schaffer, Singh, Suits, Sullivan, Tiwana,

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Castaño, Freeman, Kryliouk, Swanner, Truong, and VonMatt

**DASB:**

**Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng

**Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Education:** Veronica Neal

**Guests:** Marcia Maiero and Randy Bryant

**Curriculum:** Anu Khanna

**Faculty and Staff Development:**

**[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 2:33, a quorum being present.**

**I. Approval of Notes and Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of an Item IIB: Elections Committee Update. The draft notes of April 30th were approved as distributed with the removal of some spurious language from Item IV.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** Cynthia Kaufman, Carlos Mujal, and Jackie Reza were confirmed for service on the Veronica Neal Tenure Review Committee. There are vacancies for both one and two year terms on the IPBT.

**Iib. Elections Committee Update:** The committee reminded the group that candidate statements are due Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and that none had been received as of 1:30 May 7<sup>th</sup> (although Chow has announced she will be running). They then passed around the polling place responsibility sign up sheet in hopes of getting all time slots filled.

**III. Faculty Cap and Gown Rental Subsidy Request:** Ken Dimare of the bookstore has requested up to \$400 to match the \$400 pledged by President

Murphy's office. After a surprisingly lively discussion during which a number of alternatives to continuing the current practice of rental subsidy were suggested **it was MSC (Singh/Leonard) to approve up to \$400 as per the request.** Chow will convene a committee comprised of those expressing an interest in changing from the current practice and that group will report back with possible options.

**IV. IPBT Report:** Lee-Wheat reported that IPBT budget discussions are in a state of flux due to the timing of changing District projections. Dates previously mentioned are subject to change. Everyone is advised to stay tuned and watch and listen for new information. A new starting point for a worst case scenario was mentioned as being \$5.9M. Discussion produced reminders of possible dire effects triggered by a worst case scenario coming in to place. Even a not worst case will mean further reductions. Much discussion focused on two points, the heavier burden falling on Student Services (which brings on a discussion of what kind of students will we be able to serve) and a continuation of last week's question "Given that the shortfall due to decreasing enrollment has occurred at Foothill, should De Anza be required to make up for some of Foothill's shortfall?"

**V. SSPBT Report:** Leonard's report was a kind of continuation of the previous item with some changes of focus. SSPBT deliberations have seen that group move towards the methods used by the IPBT. A key question for the SSPBT is figuring out how much can be cut without violating federal mandates. At the end of the discussion a plea was heard for activism attempting to ensure that the worst case scenario would not happen rather than "sitting back and deciding which arm to cut off."

**VI. Student Success Implementation Update:** A handout was distributed which included a Chancellor's Office update on the latest changes to SB 1456, the Student Success Act. [Quoting from the handout] "Amendments to the legislation include the removal of a unit cap for board of governors fee waiver eligibility." Emily Kinner was in Sacramento with Paul Fong, speaking about the Student Success Infrastructure Act – AB1471. The Assembly Higher Education Committee seems very supportive of the Fong bill. A recent inclusion would mean that students would not have to declare a major as early as was previously proposed.

**VII. Academic Senate Plenary Resolutions:** Chow began by announcing that she would contact separately people from areas specifically affected by certain resolutions. She then said that basically things went well with the positions taken by the De Anza group being upheld by the Plenary body. One notable exception was the passage of a resolution opposed by Chow which will make it likely that BoG fee waiver recipients will have to meet Federal financial aid academic standards. Setziol brought up a resolution calling for the reexamination of local

district governing structures, focusing on local Boards of Trustees and multi college district entities. It has been estimated that hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on those aspects of the state's community college structure.

**VIII. Good of the Order:** - A grant has been secured to help promote a smoking cessation campaign.

- The 50 years of Nursing at De Anza was again announced for May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Senators were reminded to work on indentifying cross listing and interdisciplinary problems in the De Anza Courses Into Disciplines and FSAs Report.
- A DARE on line survey was promoted which will take only 5 minutes and which asks about basic skills needs in non English and Math areas.
- Naming Elephants II will be May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-12.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4: 28**