

# The De Anza Academic Senate

## Approved Notes of the meeting of May 23rd 2011

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson, Beckum, Betlach, Chow, Glapion, Goldman, Hanna, Kryliouk Lathers, Lee-Wheat, Larson, Lee, Maynard, Mello, Nguyen, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Sullivan, Swanner, Tao, and Yang

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Annen, Botsford, Buchanan, Castaño, Guevara, Lewis, and Nickel

**DASB:** Kevin Trinh

**Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:**

**Guests:** Mallory Newell

**SLO coordinators/Staff Development:**

**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 2:36, a quorum being present.

**I. Approval of Agenda and Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed with the removal of item VII (Campaign for Community Colleges). The draft notes of May 16th were approved as distributed with minor editing and the addition of language reflecting an interest in the priority of the Diversity Coordinator position and that the officers were expecting a resolution to come forward on the topic.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** None

**III. Vice President and President's Reports:** The item began with an announcement of the results of the recent Academic Senate election. Karen Chow was elected President, Paul Setziol Executive Secretary and Treasurer, and Amy Leonard Part Time Faculty representative.

Anderson proceeded first with a reminder that, because of the election results, there was an opportunity for another faculty member to join Chow and Lee-Wheat in attending the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges' Leadership Institute. Next, Anderson invited any one Senator to write an article for the Spring Newsletter of anywhere from approximately 125 to approximately 500 words. Next, Anderson said he would forward information about AB540, the legislation allowing basically undocumented students who have attended high school in California to attend college in California while paying resident tuition rates.

A thanks to the members of the IPBT for an unprecedented amount of work this year followed. The last major product of the year of that group (worst case budget cutting plan) will be going to the next College Council meeting. At that meeting it is possible a new lesser cutting target will be devised in light of recent events which make the worst case scenario considerably more remote than when the structure of the plan was developed.

**IV. Curriculum and Scheduling Issues:** Anu Khanna presented a detailed plan for finally implementing prerequisites which have been on the books for years without being enforced. The plan calls for careful, step by successful step implementation, ensuring smoothness of the registration process for students. Primary concerns expressed were for students who take courses perfectly equivalent to De Anza or Foothill College prerequisite courses who may be denied admission to courses and for students taking a prerequisite course the quarter before trying to register for the course for which that course is prerequisite.

The scheduling issue of the item was about the final exam schedule. Several times during the item, the group was reminded of various flaws in the current system which call for some kind of correction. Anderson unveiled a proposal which would change the current final exam period from four days beginning the Tuesday of the twelfth week to all five weekdays of that week. An additional change would result in adjacent class times having exam periods on different days. The biggest drawback of the proposal uncovered during discussion was the fact that no passing time was built in. Late in the meeting it was suggested that exams be shortened from two hours to one hour and fifty minutes. Senators were asked to get feedback from their constituents about this last point.

**V. Diversity Coordinator Position:** A draft resolution was presented by Chow which would ask for the restoration of the position now slated to be cut under the current budget cutting plan. Also, as a part of the item, the other positions about which there were questions at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were discussed. All five math positions are in process of being filled due to what was described as a highly successful Search and Selection process. Searches for both the Reading and Child Development positions were confirmed as being halted.

**VI. Syllabus Committee Update:** Setziol presented a very preliminary draft showing the intended components of a model course syllabus.

**VIII. Educational Master Plan Update:** Mallory Newell gave a detailed presentation on new educational master plan work. Key components of the update were presented as being a new goal to address an apparent persistence decline among students, a goal of increased success in basic skills courses, and a narrowing of the achievement gap especially among African American students.

The linkage of the ad hoc planning group to the college governance structure was said to come in the form of reporting by members of the planning group to the various constituency and shared governance groups.

**IX. Good of the Order:** - It was announced that the De Anza Accreditation Self Study was still on track for review by the various governance groups and the scheduled July Board of Trustees presentation.

- Maynard announced June 10<sup>th</sup> as the date for the annual Automotive Technology fund raising golf tournament. Proceeds are used for scholarships. Maynard refrained from mentioning that he had no intention of actually playing.
- Alex Swanner was confirmed for service on the Student Grievance Hearing Board.
- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> was announced as the date of the DASB Potluck lunch at Jollyman Park. The event was said to be set to begin at noon.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:25**