

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of May 21st, 2012

Senators and Officers present: Ahrens, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Hanna, Kryliouk, Larson, Lee-Wheat, Maynard, S. Lee, Leonard, Setziol, Singh, Suits, Swanner, Tiwana, Truong, and VonMatt

Senators and Officers Absent: Botsford, Castaño, Guevara, E. Lee, Mitchell, Nguyen, Quintero, Schaffer, and Sullivan

DASB: Monica Carillo

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison:

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

Guests: Moaty Fayek, Julie Phillips, and Wanda Lee

Curriculum Co Chair:

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 2:31, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed with notice from Chow that an introduction of Moaty Fayek would be inserted when he arrived. The draft notes of May 4th were approved as distributed with minor editing.

II. Needs and Confirmations: There were no confirmations.

III. Environmental Challenges and Sustainability – Campus Efforts: Julie Phillips made a far reaching presentation to the group and distributed a document covering multiple environmentally sound practices topics. The handout and her presentation were far reaching in that they touched on global issues, national issues, State issues, college issues, individual and collective faculty responsibility, and an appeal to the group to adopt a resolution and a “Ten Step Approach to Sustainability.

Moaty Fayek was introduced as the new dean of Business/CIS. He told the group about his interesting background and was warmly greeted.

IV. FSAs – cross listed and Interdisciplinary Studies problems: Setziol began by requesting that reports not yet received be turned in as soon as possible. He acknowledged that several had already been turned in reporting few problems. However, the Social Sciences division reported a high number of cross listings and Interdisciplinary Studies designations with a high percentage of those problematic. Many of those cross relations are with IIS and will, therefore, require meetings probably coordinated with the division deans of those divisions. This was said to be an example (albeit somewhat extreme) of the work in the second phase of the project, correcting errors and solving problems. The item then shifted to a small example of how to read the existing Courses Into Disciplines and FSAs Report with regard to disciplines listed in the “Interdisciplinary” column.

This very complex topic is a serious issue about which it has been decided that FSA determinations will be integrated into the curriculum review process as our current expert (PS) is contemplating retirement.

For example, Environmental Studies has some courses for which Engineering is listed in the “Interdisciplinary” column and one or two disciplines including Ecology are listed in the “Discipline” columns. This means that someone with the Ecology qualification can teach the course with no further qualification required and that someone with the Engineering qualification can teach the course if they have had upper division or graduate coursework in Ecology.

V. Academic Senate Office Laptop Budget Request: Setziol and Chow made a case for the need of a second computer, this one a lap top. Primarily the request was made because of the numerous times more than one Senate officer is seeking access to a computer in the office at the same time. **It was MSCU (Cruz/Leonard)** to approved the request which was estimated to cost approximately \$1,200. It will be purchased at the college bookstore.

VI. May Revise and District Budget Meeting: Chow began with a little potential good news, a silver lining to an otherwise mostly ominous cloud. In the worst case scenario, it appears that the San Mateo district would become a basic aid district, meaning that it would be funded entirely out of local property taxes and, therefore, \$150 million more would be available for the remaining apportionment funded districts. She also presented a graph showing that, should the governor’s tax initiative pass, funding would be restored to at least 2010 levels by 2014. Other aspects of her presentation focused on the disproportionately high level of worst case scenario cuts being assigned to Student Services and classified staff, at least in the short term and the difficulty of cutting sections without guaranteeing the downward spiral discussed at previous meetings. The issue of Foothill being responsible for the greatest share of the projected deficit was discussed once again.

VII. IPBT Calendar: Lee-Wheat went over the calendar in detail and answered questions. After department and division presentations May 29th and 30th, there will be a joint PBT meeting June 5th, IPBT deliberations June 12th, and a determination June 19th of whether or not “stuff needs to happen over the summer – things that should be investigated further.”

VIII. Naming Elephants II: The time given for the item having already passed, Chow quickly reported that the event was a success with a large number of participants and that there have already been initial discussions of having similar events tailored to division level gatherings.

IX. Good of the Order: - Swanner announced that the annual Library Book Sale would be taking place soon and that everyone is encouraged to donate books to the sale, the proceeds of which will go to the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 34