

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of October 31st, 2011**

**Senators and Officers present:** Botsford, Bram, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz, Glapion, Hanna, Khanna, Kryliouk, Larson, Lee-Wheat, Leonard, Maynard, Mitchell, Nguyen, Quintero, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Sullivan, Swanner, Truong, and Vonmatt

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Castaño, Freeman, E. Lee, Singh, and Yang

**DASB:** Orit Mohammed **Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng **Guests:** Gregory Anderson, Nancy Canter, Kulwant Singh, Rich Schroeder, Christina Espinosa-Pieb, Craig Norman, Rich Hansen, and Kathleen Moberg

**SLO coordinators/Staff Development:** Jackie Reza and Jim Haynes

**Curriculum Co Chair:**

**[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 2:34, a quorum being present.**

**I. Approval of Notes and Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed. **[NOTE: later, during Item II, a new item IIIa was added.]** The notes were approved as distributed with the correction of the name of a guest.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** There are still three openings on the DARE Committee and one opening on the District Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC). After a reading of statements by volunteers, Micele Fritz, Cynthia Lee-Klawender, and Mia Breen were approved for service on the Dean Of Business/CIS Search and Selection Committee. Jim Nguyen and Christine Chai were approved for service on the AANAPISI Grant Administrative Assistant Search and Selection Committee. Anthony Delany was confirmed for service on the Reading Instructor Search and Selection Committee.

**III A Approval of District Program Discontinuance Policy:** After a call for comments, the group voted unanimously to approve the draft policy which had been previously presented and about which the officers received no comment since that time.

**IIIB. President and Vice President's Reports:** Chow began by reading parts of a message from President Murphy about the Accreditation visiting teams summary

report. The message and report were very positive with everything other than commendations being expected and essentially non problematic. A question about assessing planning processes got some attention in discussion and the suggestion by the visiting team of a need to revise the College mission statement was greeted with some puzzlement since it referred to some kind of standard language unknown to those present. Chow mentioned that there were new resolutions on the State Student Success Task Force recommendations and Repeatability but said they would be introduced in item VI. She concluded by saying that the application deadline for Measure C funds was being extended. College Vice President Christina Espinosa-Pieb announced December 1<sup>st</sup> as a new deadline.

**IV. Senate Endorsements for Exemplary Program Award:** After an introduction by Chow **It was MSCU(Leonard/Sullivan)** to endorse De Anza's Math Performance Success and First Year Experience programs for the prestigious statewide award.

**V. Request for Funds for Thin Book Discussion:** Chow asked for a motion to provide \$200 (\$100 for a presenter stipend and \$100 for refreshments). **It was MSCU(Leonard/Sullivan)** to authorize the expenditure.

**VI. Resolutions on Course Repeatability and Student Success Task Force Recommendations:** The item combined a continuation of discussion of various Fall Session resolutions with hearing from and giving input to Rich Hansen regarding resolutions and potential resolutions on Student Success Task Force Recommendations. Hansen distributed two documents, a CCC (Chancellor's Office) summary of task force recommendations and a California Community Colleges Independents (CCCI) resolution on the same topic. Hansen began by saying he hoped the Academic Senate Fall Plenary Session would endorse the CCCI resolution or something like it. A focus of discussion was a recommendation to change the nature and scope of counseling services. De Anza currently has a student to counselor ratio of between 1,500 and 1,600 to 1 whereas 900 to 1 was a stated goal. ESL was another area of emphasis. Hansen mentioned that a previous proposal to limit ESL to two levels below English 1A was now off the table of discussion. Hansen will meet with the officers in San Diego to strategize about resolutions. Finally, Hansen emphasized the need for slowing down the push for legislating so called reforms until consultation with appropriate sources including the opportunity to come up with alternatives to current recommendations.

Chow made note of individual Senator recommendations for supporting or opposing resolutions on topics other than the task force recommendations. Due to a lack of time, resolutions on repeatability were mentioned as a group but not discussed.

**VII. Good of the Order:** - Sullivan announced an on campus blood drive slated for Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
- The Child Development Center is on track to receive full accreditation from a national child development accrediting agency.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4: 04 to the Halloween Social.**