

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of April 13th, 2015

Senators and Officers present: Bryant, Cruz, DamjanovicDelas, Dolen, Donahue, Freeman, Guevara, Koshin, Liu, McCart, Mitchell, Schaffer, Setziol
Senators and Officers Absent: Alexander, Gallegos, Hunter, Nakase, Pape, and Sun

DASB: Pedro Enriquez **FA Liaison:**

Classified Senate: Lorna Maynard **Curriculum Co Chair:**

Administrative Liaison:

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

Guests: Melissa Epps, Neil Singh, Sheila White-Daniels, Dave Garrido, Robert Ramsey, and Hemendre Shah

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 2:39, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of March 16th were approved as distributed.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Alicia de Toro was confirmed for service on the Academic Services Technician Search and Selection Committee. After much discussion and, especially a statement made by Schaffer and an account of his experience thus far in tenure review by Robert Ramsey, Rich Lopez and Danny Tran were confirmed for service on the Robert Ramsey Tenure Review Committee. At the end of the discussion, Cruz, speaking for the sense of the Senate, said that the Professional Relations Committee was working on some of the issues raised by Schaffer and Ramsey and that a review of the tenure review process aimed at addressing apparent weaknesses was due. There is a need for a faculty member on a Search and Selection Committee for a counselor working in Academic Services Student Success and Retention Services (SSRS) position. Freeman raised a question he said paralleled previous expressed concerns - what would be the relationship of this position to the Counseling department ?

III. Committee Reports: - Pedro Enriquez announced that the DASB was sponsoring the Baylands Festival up to \$25,000 much of it going for security in light of the number of celebrities expected.

- Cruz gave a very preliminary account of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Spring Plenary Session and promised a much more thorough account at the April 20th meeting. Setziol and Bryant will contribute as well.
- Cruz reported on the most recent meeting of the District's Academic and Professional Matters Committee (APM). A draft of proposed guidelines for the use of social media in instruction was reviewed.
- Cruz reported that the highlight of the most recent Chancellor's Advisory Council CAC meeting was an announced plan to restructure the District's Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC). As a part of this there was a request for new members, including a faculty member.
- Cruz also reported her and Bryant's attendance at the ASCCC Area B meeting.
- Donahue launched a brief discussion of the questionable timing of the College Portal being taken off line at the end of last quarter and the first part of the break week between Winter and Spring quarters.

IV. Associate Degree for Transfer: Clarification on Posting Grades: Cruz read a statement from Renee Augenstein perfecting terminology in Item III of the March 16th meeting Notes regarding the timely posting of grades, especially in the spring quarter. A note will be inserted into those notes.

V. Final Exam Schedule Update: Cruz reported that, unfortunately, there had been no progress since the March 16th meeting. She said she would prompt a response from Faculty Association President Rich Hansen about the FA providing a study of the feasibility of its suggested modification of the De Anza plan and adding that the De Anza faculty are ready to move forward with the currently approved plan if the FA doesn't respond in a timely fashion.

VI. Funding requests: Curriculum Institute and Cap and Gown rental Assistance: It was MSCU (Mitchell/Guevara) to approve up to \$2,000 for two people from the Curriculum Committee to attend the annual ASCCC Curriculum Institute. In discussion, questions were raised about whether or not two people needed to go instead of one and about the desirability of having the funding for this institute attendance built into the Academic Senate budget. In response to the latter, the officers said that the amount varies widely from nothing to \$1,000, making it not very helpful to somehow build it into the budget. It was MSC(Mitchell/Byrant) to fund up to \$400 for the bookstore's graduation cap and gown rental fund. In discussion, Donahue wanted to not fund the request until such time as a plan was drawn up to reduce the need for rental by using the caps, gowns, and regalia of retiring faculty.

VII. Resolution in support of AB 288: The group approved the previously presented resolution. In discussion, several people said that their approval was given with the understanding that the group and the administration would exercise due diligence to make sure that the implemented result of AB288 would not lead to any scandalous corruptions of dual enrollment like those that have gotten colleges and the system in trouble in the past. Cruz mentioned a program called Get Focused-Stay Focused which is a dual enrollment program aimed at providing a pathway to successful college attendance beginning in the 9th grade.

VIII. Senate Projects: After announcing and briefly describing the various Senate project groups for new Senators, Cruz asked new Senators to plan to join one of the groups at the next meeting.

IX. Recap, Appreciations, and Good of the Order: - Health Services was said to have a supply of free materials and services, including a few free flu shots.

- The annual SLO Convocation day is April 17th. The focus will be on Physical and Mental Wellness and Personal Responsibility.
- April 25th is a college open house for prospective students and family members.
- April 30th - a dance troupe cofounded by the Senate's own Karl Schaffer will give a special performance in the Visual and Performing Arts hall at 1:30PM.
- The officers were appreciated for their commitment and hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30