

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of May 20th, 2013**

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson-Watkins, Bryant, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz, Donahue, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Kryliouk, Larson, Lao, Leonard, McCart, Mitchell, Mjelde, Schaffer, Setziol, Sullivan, Swanner, Tiwana, and VonMatt

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Freeman, Hamilton, Singh, and Truong

**DASB: FA Liaison:**

**Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair:**

**Administrative Liaison:**

**Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.:** Veronica Neal

**Guests:** Angela Caballero de Cordero, Vincent Mendoza, and Arden Kragelot

**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 2:32, a quorum being present.**

**I. Approval of Notes and Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of May 13th were approved as distributed with minor corrections.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** Chow began the item by saying that congratulations were in order for former Academic Senate President Gregory Anderson, recently named Vice President for Instruction at Cañada College and for Mathematics faculty member Barbara Illowsky who was a finalist for that position. Hanna announced that Mayra Cruz had been elected De Anza Academic Senate President for 2013-2014 and that Ed Ahrens had been re-elected for one of the two part time faculty representative positions. John Cognetta won a gift certificate prize drawing among election table volunteers.

Chow was confirmed as De Anza's choice for District Academic Senate President for 2013-2014. Final confirmation is expected through a vote by the Foothill Academic Senate. The SSPBT officially has three vacancies although there is an indication that there would be trouble if Leonard did not continue on the group, leaving, de facto, two positions open. One faculty member is needed to join Setziol on the Tenure Review Due Process Panel for De Anza. The Faculty Association requests help in identifying a faculty member to serve as an FA representative to the District Professional Development Leave Committee. The

Finance and Educational Resources Planning and Budgeting Team has a vacancy for a faculty member.

**III. Budget and Governor's May Revise Update:** Chow began the item by distributing pertinent documents. The first to be reviewed was entitled "2013-14 Budget Preview Chart Review". While acknowledging the improving budget news from Sacramento, Chow and the documents showed that continuing enrollment declines predict continuing budget deficits. De Anza is, as of the latest report, down 500 students from its target while Foothill is down by 1,100. The net result of all factors is a currently projected \$10,200,000 deficit.

Outgoing Foothill-De Anza student trustee for De Anza Vincent Mendoza told the group about voting for the De Anza Student Body 2013-2014 budget currently taking place. He was congratulated by the group for his outstanding service.

**IV. Physical Education Programs Viability Meeting Update:** As scheduled, a viability process meeting took place to discuss certain Physical Education and Athletics and world languages programs. An outcome with regard to action was not made known.

**V: Final Exam Survey Update:** Chow projected results of the recently concluded all faculty survey of reaction to the proposed five day final exam schedule. While De Anza faculty were a bit more enthusiastic than Foothill faculty about the proposal, the combined faculty response was a strong 69% in favor. Chow will proceed to implementation discussions.

**VI. Senate Resolutions to Materials Fees – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Chow distributed a document showing a new approach to addressing the problem. As promised, the document contained a background information section and two resolutions. Responses from the group were largely positive about the separation of the issue of augmenting B budgets to offset the loss of materials fees dollars from the issue of spending the 2013-2014 year exploring and finding alternatives to current practices affected by the loss of materials fees as well as a thorough listing of those materials fees which can continue. Late in discussion it was noted that the draft language appeared to ask De Anza administrators as a group to backfill B budgets, something they are not empowered to do. It was suggested to change the language to ask President Murphy to join the Academic Senate in advocating for B budget augmentation from the District and to ask the De Anza administration to ensure that any augmentation from the District for this purpose be guaranteed to be reserved for replacing materials fees dollars. Chow will bring back a slightly modified version for possible action at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**VII. Equity and SLO Convocation Update:** Given less time available than anticipated, Neal concentrated on only one component, the creation of an equity assessment process and an equity plan for the Executive Committee. An equity team will propose a plan which will include how the group might address the currently focused upon Institutional Core Competency of Global, Cultural, Social, and Environmental Awareness.

**VIII. Good of the Order -** Sullivan announced that the Stress Town event was very successful with hundreds of participants. It was also announced that the College Spring Fling and an LGBT conference were successful.

- A flyer announcing an event called “Cloud Technology for Everyone” was distributed.
- The annual Student Art Show was announced.
- The annual Scholar Athlete Award ceremony was announced.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4: 32**