

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of April 11th, 2011**

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson, Betlach, Castaño, Chow, Glapion, Goldman, Guevara, Hanna, Lee-Wheat, Larson, Lee, Lewis, Maynard, Mello, Nguyen, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Sullivan, and Swanner,

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Annen, Beckum, Botsford, Buchanan/Cruz, Damjanovic, Kryliouk, Lathers, Nickel, Tao, and Yang

**DASB: Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng **Guests:** Laurel Torres (FA)

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

**I. Approval of Agenda and Notes:** The agenda was approved as reordered to add new item III Funding Request: Curriculum Institute and renumber the remaining items accordingly. There were no notes to be approved as the previous meeting's notes (March 14<sup>th</sup>) were approved by mail.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** There is a need to replace Kristin Skager on the District's Professional Development Leave committee either short term or longer term. Guevara, Larson, and Swanner will join Maynard on the Elections Committee. Lewis and Sullivan will join Anderson in reading applications for the two Academic Senate scholarships.

**III. Funding Request: Curriculum Institute:** After a brief discussion, **it was MSCU (Sullivan/Hanna) to authorize \$950** to send Anu Khanna to the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges' Curriculum Institute.

**IV. Vice President and President's Reports:** Anderson reported that there were 151 responses to the governance survey and that he had received a number of responses to the resolutions up for consideration at the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Spring Plenary Session. Lee-Wheat clarified that departments are asked to prioritize all budget priorities within their area and not just courses. Anderson reminded the group that all of the budget cutting deliberations were about prioritization and not about saying that anything in particular should be defunded or receive less funding.

**V. ASCCC Resolutions:** Anderson went swiftly through each of the resolutions pausing briefly to entertain comments or questions. In some cases (e.g., a resolution proposing Art History as a discipline separate from Art) he asked for specific direction. In other cases he indicated preliminary support or lack of support or intention to wait for argumentation at the session.

**VI. Curriculum Initiation Process Concerns:** Marty McNamara gave a thorough explanation of a problem wherein curriculum passes through the official process without the intended departmental review of new or substantially revised course outlines. At the end of a brief discussion it was apparent that there was a problem but not so apparent that a particular solution was appropriate. Some beginning points for solutions were offered. Anderson said the officers would be pursuing potential solutions some of which may be more directed at suggestions for departments rather than college wide mandates.

**VII. Good of the Order:** There were no items.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:36**