

The De Anza Academic Senate

Draft Notes of the meeting of January 31st, 2011

Senators and Officers present: Anderson, Beckum, Betlach, Castaño, Chow, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, James, Kryliouk, Larson, Lathers, Lee-Wheat, Lizardi-Folley, Maynard, McNamara, Mello, Nickel, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Sullivan, Swanner, Tao, and Yang

Senators and Officers Absent: Annen, Botsford, Hertler, Olsen (IIS Alternate),

DASB: Ali Masood

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison:

Guests: Laurel Torres (FA), Kulwant Singh, and Marcia Maiero

SLO coordinators: Toño Ramirez

Staff Development: Jackie Reza

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 2:30, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Agenda and Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed with item III being retitled Officer's Reports. The notes of the meeting of January 24th were approved as distributed.

II. Needs and Confirmations: KD Le was confirmed for service on the Jue Thao Tenure Review Committee replacing the not shy but retiring Susanne Chan. Marcia Maiero was present to speak to the request and told the group that KD Le would be trained March 2nd in a tenure review workshop scheduled for that day. Jackie Reza took advantage of the opportunity to say that more faculty were needed as at large members were need and especially pointed out to Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering that whereas they have been identified as deserving multiple positions in the current hiring cycle, there are no at large representatives in the current at large pool from that division and there are not enough faculty trained to be at large members.

III. Officer's Reports: Lee-Wheat led off with a display of the faculty positions authorized for hiring. Anderson briefly pointed out the diligent efforts made by IPBT members to ensure a fair and open process. 12 positions were displayed with the plan being to fill 11 of those. The reason the number was 11 instead of

the 16 number needed overall was that 5 positions are already in process. Faculty on the IPBT were thanked for their hard work. Setziol pointed to the upcoming Open Forum February 9th on General Education and SB1440 implementation and strongly urged that the Senators make a determined effort to get faculty to attend. Especially those faculty from disciplines listed in the Transfer Model Curriculum development list should attend as people from their disciplines are already moving towards the adoption of these statewide models. Three in particular were pointed to--psychology, sociology, and communication--because the Transfer Model Curriculum has already been approved at the state level for those disciplines. Anderson pointed out that some of what might have been expected to be included in this item had been made separate agenda items and limited his presentation to a pending all faculty electronic mail message about enrollment, budget, professional events, SB1440 and other issues.

IV. Second Reading of Cross Listing Policy Proposal: After a distribution of the proposal Anu Khanna reintroduced the proposal to the group. A thoughtful discussion revealed a few concerns including making sure that nothing in the criteria or processes used by the Curriculum Committee is in opposition to applicable Title 5 language and encouraging substantial dialogue prior to either adding or deleting cross listing. **It was MSC (Beckum/Hanna)** to approve the proposal.

V. Budget Update: Anderson noted that the numbers used in recent publications by Chancellor Thor and the FA News were essentially the same. He emphasized the unprecedented direness of the situation and once again called for everyone to work together for the good of the college and its students. He went over four funding scenarios, how they came about, and the levels of resulting budget reduction. He concluded by stressing more strongly the effects of the looming Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) shortfall.

VI. Treasurer's Report: Setziol happily reported that the Senate's Dues Account Budget was in good shape with healthy beginning and projected ending balances. He pointed out that, although expenditures were greater than income in Fall, that is normally the case with Winter and Spring finding income greater than expenditures.

VII. Support for Partners in Learning: After Hanna spoke enthusiastically and persuasively, **it was MSCU (Hanna/Beckum)** to donate \$500 to the Partners in Learning conference March 4th, 2011.

VIII. SLO All Campus Event: Toño Ramirez was present to describe a proposal that the Executive Committee promote faculty use of their available Spring flex day for an April 15th (not tax day this year) "Convocation" for the purpose of

working on SLOs. The group was supportive and Anderson and Ramirez asked for Senators to think of strategies and messages to convey to faculty which would be promising for maximum participation.

IX. Faculty Think Tank on Enrollment: Anderson asked whether or not convening an ad hoc group of faculty would be a good idea. After some discussion revealing both promise and problems, he asked whether or not it might be too late to bridge the looming gap in enrollment relative to cap. He was reassured to hear that it was not only worth a try, even if the effort wasn't completely successful for 2010-2011, it might well help a make up effort during the summer and allow the college to be on track in 2011-2012. Additionally, it was the sense of the Senate to launch the effort and include students and student responses to the current survey. Anderson concluded the item by asking Senators to propose potential individual participants for him to contact.

X. Good of the Order: - The De Anza Black Student Union (BSU) was announced to be hosting a hip-hop event at the Euphrat Museum at 5:00 Thursday February 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30