

# The De Anza Academic Senate

## Approved Notes of the meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson, Botsford, Glapion, James, Lee-Wheat, Karst, Kryliouk, Maynard, McNamara, Mello, Nickel, Pesano, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Swanner, Tao, and Yang

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Annen, Beckum, Cruz, Hanna, Guevara, Hertler, and Lathers

**DASB:** Ali Masood **Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng **Guests:** Brian Murphy, Tom Dolen, Mary Jo Lomax, and Kulwant Singh

**SLO coordinators/Staff Development:** Toño Ramirez, Jim Haynes, and Mary Pape  
**Curriculum Co Chair:**

[NOTE: Item numbers are reflective of agenda numbers in the order they are actually taken up at the meeting.]

**I. Approval of Agenda and Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed with the removal of item VII (Title IX Compliance), a correction of the names of presenters in Item IV (Smoking Policy), and an announced intention to take up Item XII (Saturday Class Issue) after Item V. The notes of the meeting of November 1<sup>st</sup> were approved with correction of the attendance portion.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** Confirmation of faculty proposed for a new committee (District Research Advisory Committee) was proposed and then withdrawn to enable a call for volunteers from across the campus. Tom Dolen and Alex Swanner were confirmed for service on a library classified position Search and Selection Committee.

**President Murphy was in attendance and addressed the group. Primarily, he spoke about the recent parcel tax campaign and thanked the faculty for its support, although he did say that, should there be a similar campaign in the future, faculty activism would need to be at a much higher level for the prospects of success to improve. He especially wanted the faculty to join him in thanking students for their extraordinary efforts. He suggested multiple ways the officers and members of the Senate Executive Committee could express their thanks including inviting students to an Academic Senate meeting.**

**He then changed the subject to an alert that there had been hints of mid year cuts by the State but assured the group that the District was in a good position in the short term to deal with such an eventuality. Finally, he acknowledged that the stress level of all types of employees was very high and singled out classified staff as needing and deserving of faculty support and understanding.**

**III. Vice President's and President's Reports:** Lee-Wheat reported a great need for Equal Opportunity representatives on Search and Selection committees and a broader representation of faculty on tenure review committees. She also reported continued work by the IPBT on program review. Anderson began by joining President Murphy in thanking the students who worked on the Measure E campaign and also applauded the faculty instructing those students. He saw no evidence of indoctrination, rather the effects of information and critical thinking. He then turned the group's attention to faculty hiring and the prospect of the college failing to meet its full time obligation (75/25 maintenance of effort). A critical element in the effort is Search and Selection committees which do not find a suitable candidate going "back out" immediately, using an "open until filled" listing technique to enable meetings to screen and interview as soon as possible.

**IV. Smoking Policy:** Tom Dolen and Mary Jo Lomax from the Facilities Committee presented the current work to establish new smoking areas on campus away from primary corridors yet attractive enough to make use likely. Lomax showed a campus map with prospective smoking "islands" indicated.

**XII. Saturday Class Issue:** McNamara presented and told the group that Saturday classes are always denied at least one week of instruction per quarter and sometimes meet as few as 9 weeks compared to the 12 listed as the quarter length. In light of the fact that fixing the problem will entail a collaboration of Academic Senate, Faculty Association, and administrative representatives working through the Academic and Professional Matters group, specific language of change is needed. Anderson will work with McNamara to produce a draft resolution.

**V. Standard II Report:** The last of the four standards to give a preliminary report was primarily represented by Anderson. He reported that this standard, like the others, was on track to meet its goal for a preliminary draft. Rowena Tomaneng encouraged more faculty participation in the work of the standard. Standard II meets Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 AM.

**VI. Local Governance Resolution (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading):** Stockwell distributed a new version which was said to be more of a technical cleanup than a revision. Setziol, who characterized himself as being perhaps the biggest questioner of the previous version at the resolution's first reading, said he was pleased at the changes. Anderson asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Observing no one desiring to speak in opposition, Anderson called for a vote. The resolution was adopted without opposition. The next step for the resolution is action by the College Council. Given that the officers will be at the Fall Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, Stockwell agreed to stand

in for Anderson at the College Council meeting as co chair and to present the resolution.

**VIII. Courses Into Disciplines and FSAs Report:** Setziol called for the Child Development, Social Sciences, and Special Education reports and got none of them.

**IX Remaining Fund Balance:** The item was essentially finishing off an item from the previous agenda. Anderson quickly summarized the previous discussion and then asked for and got a sense of the Senate that its main interest was in oversight of \$800, 000 proposed for innovation.

**X. State Senate Resolutions:** Anderson began by stating that he had received a few inquiries about specific resolutions and then asked whether the Senators' reading of all the pre session resolutions prompted them to ask for discussion and support of or opposition to any more. Hearing none, he proceeded to focus on the few requested. One requested support for a position paper on the topic of libraries and library standards. There were common threads in the discussions of other resolutions – the need for faculty input in state level initiatives and discussions and the need for local faculty awareness and approval prior to the adoption of proposed changes to curriculum or processes coming from outside local colleges.

**XI. SLO Update:** Toño Ramirez, Jim Haynes, and Mary Pape presented. Anderson expressed his appreciation to these three leaders. They distributed three documents: 1) A document showing progress in terms of numbers of course SLOs and SLO assessment cycles completed plus a pyramid presentation of the relationships between course and program level SLOs with Institutional Core Competencies and the College mission statement; 2) A document promoting a workshop on SLO assessment and program level SLOs scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; 3) A document reporting progress in Student Services and administrative unit SSLO/AUO work. It was said the workshop introduced will help programs meet the February deadline for program level SLOs.

**VIII. For the Good of the Order:** Anderson announced that there would be a Veterans Day observance on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the college with speeches from Murphy and Anderson even though the actual day is Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and the holiday is celebrated by closure of the college Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.