The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
November 18th, 2013

Senators and Officers present: Anderson-Watkins, Buchanan, Bryant, Cruz, Dahlke, Davis, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Hanna, Karst, Leonard, Lewycky, Lucas, McCart, Newell, Schaffer, Setziol, Sullivan, and Swanner

Senators and Officers Absent: Capitola, Centanni, Clark, Fouquette, Pacheco, Sun, and VonMatt

DASB: Theresa Christina FA Liaison: 
Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair:
Administrative Liaison: Coleen Lee-Wheat
Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.: Veronica Neal
Guests: Brian Murphy, Rachel Baker, Mary Pape, Anita Baker (Student Trustee), Karla Navarro, Stacie Rowe, Julie Lewis, Su Kwack

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 2:31, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of November 4th were approved as distributed a correction to the attendance.

President Murphy arrived and addressed the group. The primary reason for his address was to give updated information about an alleged sexual assault on campus November 4th. He told the group that the County Sherrif's office is completely in charge of all activities related to the case at this point. He also mentioned that there is no reason to believe that the suspect in the case is, in general, a predator since it appears the victim knew the suspect. He also reported good news in that there have been no similar incidents in the last 30 years and that the De Anza campus remains one of the safest college campuses anywhere. The rest of President Murphy’s time with the group developed into a conversation about safety and preparedness and the kinds of activities planned by the college. Student Trustee distributed a small flyer announcing weekly (Thursdays at 3:00PM) meetings planning a safe space for the discussion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) and gender issues.
II. Needs and Confirmations: Nick Mattis and Arden Kragelot were approved for service on the Physical Education Facilities and Equipment Manager Search and Selection Committee

III. Committee reports: - There have been no IPBT od SSPBT meetings since the November 4th Executive Committee meeting.
- A message highlighting the annual Partners in Learning Conference (March 7th this year) to all mailboxes.
- The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) leadership group met and confirmed the Academic Senate’s primary role in various aspects of ADT implementation.

IV. Spotlight! Health Services: Sullivan began a presentation by distributing printed materials and showing various kinds of health related items continuously handed out by De Anza’s Health Services office. She told the group that the Health Services Office focused on four pursuits: A clinic, health education, on line services (for students whose only connection to the college is through on line courses), and psychological services with its ongoing multifaceted approach. She distributed several items and passed around several items for people to view. Su Kwack, who provides psychological services for the office announced efforts to provide special support for veterans.

V. ASCCC Fall Plenary Report: The officers, and particularly Cruz reported. The report began with the distribution of a document outlining the breakout sessions attended by the officers and containing links to mostly powerpoint presentations for breakout sessions. Setziol limited his breakout session report to one titled Student Support (re)defined: From Research to Action. He mentioned that whereas the attendees of the breakout came up with a wide variety of factors to which they thought students might point as being pivotal to their success at a college, almost all of the factors found through research involved instructional and counseling faculty interacting one on one with students in a way that showed they cared and that related factors such as being engaged, planning, et cetera, flowed from those interactions.

All three officers divided their experiences into largely positive experiences with breakout sessions and information made available at the session on the one hand and the somewhat unfortunate experiences with the day of voting on resolutions. Of the handful of rejected resolutions, two of them were the two put forward by the officers pursuant to direction from the De Anza executive Committee. The rejection of these resolutions, in the estimate of the officers, pointed to ongoing problems at the state level and ongoing difficulties with things like the creation of ADT degrees at the local level. The Senators were encouraged to look at the document distributed and to give feedback to the officers about any items of interest they would like to see presented and or discussed.
VI. ACCJC New Accreditation Standards: Cruz reported on the item also coming from a session (this one a general session) at the Fall Plenary Session. She said that there was a lot of energy at the session aimed at an Academic Senate response to the ACCJC. The general session attendees were presented with and asked to respond only to standards IIB (Instruction) and 4A (Governance), although some individuals were in possession of proposed new standards in other areas. The proposed revision of 2B appeared to participants to devalue diversity and equity in comparison to the existing standard. The proposed revision of 4A appeared to increase the relative importance of administrative responsibility. Responses to both were aimed at suggesting changes and explaining why and how the proposed language should be changed to retain the importance of the role of faculty.

VII. Stanford Labor Market Study and Volunteers: Rachel Baker was introduced as a researcher from Stanford University. She and Newell presented the idea for a research project probing how students choose majors. The model for the study comes from various four-year schools. They are hoping to get data from somewhere around 10 class sections from across the campus some time early in the Winter Quarter and are looking for faculty to volunteer the approximately 25 minutes of class time it is projected that it will take students to complete the survey.

VIII. Master Plan Update: Newell told the group that the latest Master Plan update was presented to the College Council Thursday, November 14th. It can be found on the Office of Institutional Research website. She discussed several items of interest:
1) Approximately 14% of all Santa Clara County high school graduates attend De Anza College.
2) The biggest achievement gap at the college in 2011-2012 was between Asian students and African American students.
3) The persistence rate from Fall to Winter in 2011-2012 increased to 78.9%.
4) 1223 students transferred to CSU, 727 to UC, and 452 to other colleges and universities.
5) The Planning “Quilt” is available for viewing at deanza.edu/ir/planning.

Bryant pointed out how “the quilt” shows a year of reflection before starting the next cycle of annual program review updates.
Cruz reminded the group of the five recommendations made by the Accreditation visiting team which will need to be addressed in the planning process and mentioned that the next two items on the agenda are, in effect, parts of that effort.
IX. General Education review: The item was held over

X. Global Environmental Awareness GE Requirement: The item was held over.

XI. Meeting Recap: Cruz quickly went through a short list of topics including Partners in learning, the Spotlight on Health Services, the Fall Plenary Session report, Proposed changes to accreditation standards, and the master plan update.

XII. Good of the Order: - Good of the order: - November 19th was announced as the annual can count from the Automotive Technology’s annual canned food drive.  
- Donahue encouraged Senators and others to contribute items for an Adopt a Platoon in Afghanistan program sending items common at home but difficult to find in Afghanistan. She gave numerous examples and invited those interested to contact her for details on how to donate items.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30