

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of March 10th, 2014

Senators and Officers present: Anderson-Watkins, Bryant, Cruz, Dahlke, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Guevara, Karst, Leonard, Lilly, Maynard, Pape, Setziol, Schaffer, Sullivan, Sun, and Swanner

Senators and Officers Absent: Buchanan, Centanni, Davis, Fouquette, Gordon, Hanna, and Lucas

DASB: Caleb Haddad **FA Liaison:** Anne Argyriou

Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair: Ram Subramaniam

Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng

Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.:

Guests: President Murphy, Vice Presidents Espinosa-Pieb and JeanPierre, numerous faculty and students.

Faculty and Staff Development: Jackie Reza

[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 2:33, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of March 3rd were approved as distributed. [Note: After the meeting it was discovered that, due to mistaken identity, the number of Reading department faculty present on the 3rd was erroneously reported to be 8 when, in fact, it was 6.]

II. Needs and Confirmations: Brian Evans (Foothill), Margaret Stevens, Andrew LaManque, and Ben Kline were confirmed for service on the Economics faculty search and selection committee.

III. Discussion on Printing Needs: Cruz began the item with a presentation of the background of what transpired to cause the current situation. She projected a series of slides the first of which showed a State audit finding that the college was out of compliance with regard to materials fees and did not adequately ensure that students paying the fees would get anything in return. She then showed the approach announced by the administration of reducing the amount budgeted for printing to zero within two years.

An Academic Senate resolution called for collaboration between the Academic Senate and administration to address the problem and for supporting faculty in a variety of ways.

Next, Cruz projected and spoke to the results of a survey of faculty about the matter. It was clear from the survey that a strong majority of faculty wanted an ongoing budget for printing and felt that reductions already in place had harmed students and compromised their instruction.

Testimonials from selected faculty and students followed and revealed a number of problems, especially for students with limited means.

The last segment of the item was guided by three questions, one asking whether the current situation and the plan put forth to deal with it was consistent with the college's institutional values, one asking simply how we can deal with printing needs, and the third asking for a commitment from administration to collaborate on finding a best possible scenario solution.

President Murphy, speaking for the administration, spoke consistently in a "We're all in this together" tone in answering all three questions. At one point he apologized if he came across as defensive but he felt the need to explain the budget problem of declining enrollment and insufficient budgets as well decreasing one time monies. Jeanpierre followed with a presentation on currently unbudgeted expenses. Espinosa-Pieb said she was surprised at the lack of discussion within divisions about B budgets and priorities.

Multiple avenues towards remedy were discussed and the item concluded on a positive note of cooperation and energy towards solutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33.