

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of**

### **April 15th, 2013**

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson-Watkins, Bryant, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Kryliouk, Larson, Lao, Leonard, Mitchell, Schaffer, Setziol, Sullivan, Swanner, Tiwana, and Truong,  
**Senators and Officers Absent:** Hamilton, Maynard, Rodriguez, and Singh,

**DASB: Classified Senate:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng

**Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.:** Veronica Neal

**Curriculum Co Chair:** Anu Khanna

**Guests:** Gregory Anderson

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

**I. Approval of Notes and Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the previous meeting (March 18<sup>th</sup>) had already been approved by mail.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** There were neither confirmations nor needs.

**III. DARE Co Chair Position:** Gregory Anderson distributed copies of the draft job announcement for the DARE Faculty Co Chair position. The DARE Task Force is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of funding from the State of California's Basic Skills Initiative. There were questions about the meeting times of the task force and about the fact that there was no mention of the Academic Senate among the responsibilities of the position. Anderson responded to the latter by saying that whether or not a change was made as a result of that observation, reporting and other relations regarding the Academic Senate would be made clear to the new co chair.

**IV. Senate Elections:** Hanna reported for the Elections Committee (Hanna, Larsen, and McCart). The committee recommended the dates May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for the Academic Senate election. Having the election those two days would mean having faculty declare their candidacy by submitting a statement on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Offices open for nomination are President (one year term) and Part Time

Faculty Representative (two year term). Chow, hearing no objection, formally declared that the election will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Request for Funding for Curriculum Institute Attendance:** Anu Khanna requested up to \$1,900 for her and another Curriculum Committee member to attend the institute. **It was MSCU (Hanna/Leonard)** to approve the request.

**VI. District Board Policies:** Chow introduced draft Board Policy statements and invited comment. The first one introduced was on the subject of the use of the Foothill De Anza District, De Anza College, Foothill College, and Middlefield Campus names. There was considerable discussion, almost all of it from the perspective that the language was so broad as to make it a violation of the policy to do or say many of the things that are commonly done on and off campus by faculty, classified staff, and administrators. A somewhat separate question seemed equally serious. It was “What about the use of the District or College logos?” Chow will convey the perceived problems and will return with a new draft. The other draft policies were all approved with little comment.

**VII. Resolution on Immigration Reform:** Cruz introduced a new draft of the resolution previously presented. All suggestions were taken as friendly by Cruz. Editorial suggestions included the need for a consistent reference to the De Anza Academic Senate as the party taking actions referred to in the resolution. Also noted was the intended primary action of having the resolution taken to the Board of Trustees with a request that the Board draft a similar resolution. Cruz took careful note of all suggestions. **It was MSCU (Leonard/Sullivan)** to approve the resolution with the suggestions collected by Cruz. Chow invited anyone interested to help with follow up steps.

**VIII. Update on AA-T, Course Families, Equivalencies:** Chow began with an update on the status of AA-T/AS-T creation and implementation at the college. A recent ad hoc meeting was dominated by “pushback” from several quarters involved in one stage or another of creation and implementation, especially implementation. Confusion for students, limiting options for students, lack of cooperation by CSU, workload for areas with decreasing staff, and other factors were cited as reasons the officers should question State level pressure to create the degrees and ask for help as appropriate.

The status report on “Course Families” was a combination of a report that the work was mostly done and, at least in the case of music, a report that the work was continuing to be very problematic, in part because of conflicting information and direction as to what kinds of courses needed to be included in the process. The music area will be hard pressed to meet the deadline of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The status report on course equivalency was more completely positive with some areas still not reporting but with those areas reporting having completed the work.

**IX. ASCCC Resolutions:** With time running short, Chow mentioned resolutions of interest and indicated that she had contacted faculty members with direct interests involved (e.g. Cruz about a proposed “Teacher Education” discipline). There was no time for discussion but Senators were encouraged to forward comments to the officers.

**X. Good of the Order:** – Glapion distributed a flyer promoting “Disability Awareness 2013 Events”, some of which had already passed and some of which were scheduled through May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

- Mitchell mentioned a De Anza Music Department faculty recital Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in A-11

**The meeting was adjourned at 4: 32**