The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
December 12th, 2011

Senators and Officers Absent: E. Lee, Schaffer, Singh, and Yang,

DASB: Classified Senate:
Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng
Guests: Emily Kinner,
Curriculum Co Chair:

[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 2:38, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of December 5th were approved as distributed. Chow made sure that everyone had copies of three documents pertinent to Item IV and her revised response to the latest SSTF recommendations.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Ron Stewart was approved for service on the District Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC).

III. President and Vice President’s Reports: Chow began by thanking those Senators whose current service on the Executive Committee has now been completed. Chow then went on to report on deliberations and decisions about procedures regarding the use of the Baldwin Winery part time faculty office space. She asked the Senators to get out the word right away to part time faculty, urging any interested in office space to apply soon.

President Murphy entered and addressed the group. His focus was on the recent College Council meeting at which recommendations from the PBTs were presented, discussed, and endorsed by the Council. He spoke in high praise of the thoughtful, critical, and reflective work of the groups and appreciated the analysis of probable consequences of the District actually enacting the worst of the articulated cut levels. He announced that program discontinuance had been recommended for two programs, CAOS and Technical Writing, and that five full time counseling and two full time academic advisor positions had been identified as part of the cuts for
Student Services. He then told the group that, despite promises not to announce program discontinuance at Foothill affecting De Anza without prior notification and discussion, Foothill College President Judy Miner announced five FTEF eliminations in Foothill’s CTIS department. Finally, Murphy went over details of the upcoming “Occupy for Education at De Anza” four consecutive Tuesday nights and perhaps more beginning January 17th and said that the Academic Senate will be asked to make a donation to sponsor one of the nights (to pay for security).

IV. Report on the 12/9 College Council Meeting and PBT Recommendations: Chow and Lee-Wheat went over some of the details of the PBT recommendations. The recommendations from the SSPBT and the FERPBT were distributed at the meeting and the IPBT recommendations were projected on a screen. The group concentrated on a review of the process (all comments were positive with several expressing pride and thanks) and the statement of consequences, especially that at a certain point between the IPBTs Plan A and Plan B there exists a path which would be a guaranteed “death spiral” e.g. loss of apportionment would greatly exceed savings and the college would not be able to meet its apportionment base or its Faculty Obligation Number (FON). Some discussion took place around improving parts of the IPBT process, mainly having to do with how contexts for draft recommendations are communicated back to faculty to make the whole process better in the future. The concluding message to and from College Council was that what was presented to and accepted by the College Council would be the way the level of cutting identified would be done BUT that it should not be done and cost savings should come from other areas of the District budget.

VII. Good of the Order: - Chow recommended that the Senators read the latest edition of the FA News because it contained lots of useful information.
- Chow announced that the opening of the renovated East Cottage was taking place as she spoke.
- Everyone was reminded to get out the information about the PT office space sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 28