The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved notes of the meeting of
June 20th, 2011


Senators and Officers Absent: Annen, Buchanan, Glapion, Goldman, Lathers, Swanner, and Tao,

DASB: Kevin Trinh  Classified Senate:
Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng  Guests: Rich Schroeder
SLO coordinators/Staff Development:
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 2:34, a quorum being present.

College President Brian Murphy addressed the group and thanked the group for its diligent work over the course of a most difficult year. He said he wished he could announce good news from Sacramento regarding the budget but after he mentioned the governor’s recent vetoing of the proposed budget, said in essence that no news is no news.

I. Approval of Agenda and Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed with the intention to take up item VI: AB 515 before item V: American Democracy Project.
The draft notes of May 23rd were approved with typographical error editing.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Purba Fernandez was confirmed for service on the Economics Tenure Review Committee. During consideration of the Mathematics Tenure Review Committees it was MSF (Schaffer/Castaño) to delay approval to see if a more diverse committee composition could be made.
Diane Mathios, Marek Cichanski, and Mary Bennett were approved for service on the Janhavi Josh Tenure Review Committee. Mo Geraghty, Milia Ison, and Diana Lydgate were approved for service on the Zachary Judson Tenure Review Committee. Rich Hansen, Cinzia Muzzi, and Wayne Chenoweth were approved for service on the James Mailhot Tenure Review Committee. Lorraine Moen, David Newton, and Carol Cini were approved for service on the Danny Tran Tenure Review Committee. Hassan Bourgoub, Rich Lopez, and Wendy White were approved for service on the Stephen Wolfe Tenure Review Committee.
Mayra Cruz, Becky Roberts, and Kulwant Singh were approved for service on the Instructional Planning and Budgeting Team. LaQuisha Beckum was approved for service on the Finance and Educational Resources Planning and Budgeting Team. Amy Leonard, Vicky Moreno, and Jim Haynes were approved for service on the Student Services Planning and Budgeting Team.

III. Officers Reports: Setziol began by distributing a document from the Professional Relations Committee on classroom set up and passing time protocols and then announced that the document and a new approach to presenting the faculty statement on professional ethics would be part of the orientation of new faculty in September. [NOTE: the recently approved model course syllabus document was also supposed to have been mentioned but was not.] He then advised the group to be prepared to work on the FSA reconciliation project continuing in the fall because of complexities uncovered so far and the potential for a possible wholesale reconsideration. Lee-Wheat mentioned that the initial joint PBT meeting was a success and that one of the outcomes was an agreement to have periodic such meetings in the coming year. Anderson returned to the budget in his report and, after echoing what college President Murphy said earlier, mentioned that District Vice Chancellor Kevin McElroy also had no news to report.

IV. Accreditation Self Study: Anderson presented new groupings of previously presented planning agendas by types and which focus on Academic Senate areas of responsibility. Before asking for a motion to approve, he entertained comments and suggestions. Setziol brought up three issues: one that there was very little mention of the effects or potential effects of greatly reduced budgets; a second was that a planning agenda to increase transfer, transfer degrees, and promoting transfer model curriculum degrees should be included; the third was that there should be a caveat to the planning agendas along the lines used by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges such that responsibility for action is subject to the availability of human and fiscal resources. Anderson concurred and said he would look to see if a statement to the effect of the last suggestion was already in the document. It was MSCU (Sullivan/Beckum) to approve the Accreditation Self Study draft with the proviso that the corrective suggestions be addressed. With that, Anderson handed off ongoing Senate accreditation responsibilities to the incoming officers.

VI. Resolution in Opposition to AB515: Anderson presented and read a strongly worded resolution he had crafted based on previous discussions local and statewide. The resolution was adopted.
V. American Democracy Project: Beckum began by listing the people from De Anza who attended a recent national conference. De Anza was one of only four community colleges nationwide in attendance. She spoke of how inspiring it was to see a focus on getting young people and especially young people of color involved in democracy advocacy and activism. She mentioned some breakout titles which made it clear that a substantial portion of the conference was dedicated to grassroots community projects and said she found the material to be so inspiring that she returned with material to change the focus of a class she teaches on social psychology. Students Marlo Custodio and Neesha Tambe arrived to speak of their experiences at the conference, echoing much of what Beckum said from the perspective of being student activists themselves. They also said they hoped more students at De Anza would become involved even though many are already involved, especially in the area of community organizing.

VII: Good of the Order: - Lee-Wheat read a resolution honoring the work of Anderson and wishing him well in his new role as Dean of Learning Resources. The resolution was approved by acclamation. She then presented Anderson with two personal gifts which were happily received with good humor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 to the reception for newly tenured faculty and their tenure review committees.