The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes for the meeting of
March 9th, 2009


Senators and Officers absent: Goodwin, LaManque, and Miller,

DASB: Jorge Pacheco

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison: Rich Schroeder

Guests:

SLO coordinators: Jim Haynes and Colleen Lee-Wheat

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 2:33, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Agenda and Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of an Item VIIIb District Mission Statement. The notes of March 2nd were approved as distributed with minor editing.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Glapion, Mae Lee, Vicky Moreno, Mark Fu, and Lan Tao were confirmed for service on a grant-funded non-tenure track counseling position Search and Selection committee.

III. Auto Tech Remodel Update: Maynard reported that the planning for the temporary relocation of the De Anza Automotive Technology program has been successfully concluded. The program was able to get what it thought best including location and terms of occupancy of the temporary, off campus, facility. Maynard paid special tribute to Donna Jones-Dulin for her work in expediting the final planning stages.

IV. Faculty Hiring Update: Argyriou announced that the staff development, diversity, and physics positions can go forward.

V. Class Cancellations and Enrollment: After Argyriou announced a plan for early class cancellation March 26th essentially identical to that used before winter quarter, there were many comments and questions and several complaints. It was observed that one of the primary rationales for early cancellation in December was not the case in March. It was said that the college is not projected to be over cap, something that would make extra efforts in class cancellation logical. Instead, it appeared that a gamble was unfolding such that classes could be cancelled in order to save money on faculty salaries without losing the WSCH maximum funding. It appeared to some that the administration was aiming to go under cap. Notification to students and other concerns were also discussed.
VI. SLO Position Paper: A brand new document was distributed. In part it was titled “abbreviated”. After discussion, the officers agreed to strike “Abbreviated” and replace it with “brief”. Argyriou pointed out that only the background section was new with almost all the rest being previously adopted language.

VII. SLO Resolution: A new draft resolution was presented calling for adoption of the position paper discussed in item VII and for Officers and Senators alike to act on the basis of the position presented whenever appropriate. It was approved unanimously.

VIIIa. Institutional Core Competencies: Argyriou presented what is hoped to be the final draft of the Institutional Core Competencies document. Changes to the introductory paragraph were suggested and will be incorporated in the version to be voted on March 16th.

VIIIb. District Mission Statement: After a short and non contentious discussion, Argyriou was given direction to advocate for a substantial change to the draft presented which would strike out reference to measurement and student success and proceed directly to the part saying what would be provided to students. Argyriou will figure out how to present this in a firm yet diplomatic way.

IX. Budget Questions: Argyriou allowed five minutes without discussion for Senators to write any and all questions related to the District and College budgets. At the end of that time, the written questions were collected.

X. Good of the Order and announcements: - A flyer announcing and promoting the SLO writing workshop and the need for division liaisons was distributed.

- Argyriou announced some of the parameters of examining classified positions for potential elimination or suspension. This prompted a discussion and a level of concern rare for a good of the order item. It was clear that careful attention and good work on the part of the senate was called for.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24.