The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
May 16th, 2011

Senators and Officers Absent: Annen, Betlach, Buchanan, Goldman, Lathers, Mello, and Yang

DASB: Kevin Trinh   Classified Senate:
Administrative Liaison: Guests: Trang Nguyen,
SLO coordinators/Staff Development: Jim Haynes, Toño Ramirez, and Mary Pape
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 2:32, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Agenda and Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of a new item IV – Allocation of Funds for the ASCCC Leadership Institute. The draft notes of May 9th were approved as distributed with the correction of a date in Item IX (a moot point as of May 9th).

II. Needs and Confirmations: Cleve Freeman was confirmed for service on the Student Grievance Hearing Board. The Academic Senate website was referenced as the location for current needs.

III. Vice President and President’s Reports: Lee-Wheat reminded the group about the day long IPBT meetings Thursday and Friday May 19th and 20th on the subjects of Program Review and division worst case scenario budget reduction plans. Deans and interested faculty will attend. The members of the IPBT will be sorely tested this week as not only will there be the two long meetings but the members will have to have read all the division materials including some which have not yet been submitted – a real squeeze.

Anderson reported that the SLO resolution considered by the Executive Committee May 9th was discussed at the May 12th College Council meeting. Also, at that meeting, the work of the shared governance taskforce was reported. Stockwell added that the work of the group was planned to be completed in the
Fall in time for the accreditation visiting team visit. Anderson went on to mention that he promised a thorough review of the accreditation self study by the Executive Committee and others. A College Planning Committee has been formed. It is a subcommittee of the College Council and will oversee processes within the six year planning cycle. It will be led by the Office of Institutional Research. The governor’s May revise projected an approximately 38% decrease in a projected budget deficit. IF that proportion were to filter down to the level of allocations to community colleges, it would mean that the District worst case number of $30 million would go down to approximately $19 million.

IV. **It was MSCU (Anderson/Sullivan)** to authorize up to $1,200 to send up to three people to the annual ASCCC Faculty Leadership Institute.

V. **Cap and Gown Fund:** **It was MSCU (Anderson/Hanna)** to authorize up to $400 to match President Murphy’s gift to the fund which will enable faculty and staff to rent caps and gowns free of cost.

VI. **SLO Resolution (1st reading):** [Note: The draft resolution presented at the May 9th meeting was considered to be so changed as to make the new version a new resolution.] Jim Haynes read aloud the draft resolution which was also distributed. A brief discussion prompted Anderson to say that the officers would look for an earlier Executive Committee Resolution on the topic of SLOs and faculty evaluation. A small but significant language change suggested will be made by Anderson.

VII. **Resolution on Classified Staff Appreciation:** Anderson read aloud a proposed resolution which was then approved by the acclamation of a round of applause. The text will be printed and distributed. Through the resolved clauses, Senators were asked to spread the word about Classified Staff Appreciation Week, May 16th through 20th.

VIII. **Faculty Hiring Processes Update:** The focus of the item was first to report on the status of faculty positions authorized earlier in terms of whether or not individual positions have been proposed to be pulled, proposed to continue to completion, or still being discussed. The second focus of the item was to hear from division Senators about the process used to arrive at recommendations. In all cases where a knowledgeable representative was present, faculty and deans concurred in the decision. Anderson asked for definitive information from Mathematics, Child Development, and Reading to be presented at the May 23rd meeting. It was clear that the group was committed to making some statement about its ongoing support for the Diversity Coordinator position on the worst case scenario cut list for academic services. The officers expect a resolution on the topic.
IX. Campaign for Community Colleges: Lee-Wheat presented a projection from a website produced by the legislature showing a map of all the State Senate and Assembly districts and included the names and contact information of the current representatives in those districts. The website address will be distributed to the Senators. Anderson said that materials facilitating the writing of letters to both legislators and others (e.g. the Legislative Analyst Office) are to be distributed at the May 23rd meeting.

The group spent nearly the rest of the time available in the meeting brainstorming possible talking points intended for legislators and others in small groups and then sharing those ideas with the group as a whole. Anderson recorded the suggestions.

X. Good of the Order: - A student conversation about contact with legislators is coming. Stockwell will report more specific information.
- A reminder was made of the previously announced Hepatitis awareness event scheduled

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32