The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
October 10th, 2011

Senators and Officers present: Bram, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz, Freeman, Glapion, Khanna, Larson, Lee-Wheat, Leonard, Maynard, Mitchell, Nguyen, Quintero, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Sullivan, Swanner, Truong, Vonmatt, and Yang

Senators and Officers Absent: Botsford, Betlach, Castaño, Hanna, Hertler, Kryliouk, Lewis, Mello, and Singh,

DASB: Classified Senate:
Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng
Guests: LaQuisha Beckum, Ethan Lee, Rich Hansen, and Emily Kinner
SLO coordinators/Staff Development: Jim Haynes and Jackie Reza
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 2:36, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: Both agenda and notes were approved as distributed.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Tom Dolen was approved for service on the Vice Chancellor for Technology Search and Selection Committee. There is a need for a faculty member on the District Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC). There was a suggestion that needs be put on the Senate website as soon as they are received.

III. President and Vice President’s Report: To start the item, Chow introduced Angela Caballero de Cordero, Dean of Counseling and Matriculation. Dean Cordero introduced herself as someone committed to strengthening the connection between student services faculty and other faculty.

Lee-Wheat distributed a draft idea towards a proposal which would provide for ongoing SLO/SSLO/AUO leadership in a dedicated faculty position (at least in some form of FTEF). She clarified that it was time for the college to transition to a single position with approximately the same level of support as the small group of people has currently. She also mentioned that proposals for full time faculty
positions will be due to the IPBT soon and encouraged all faculty members to participate in the department and division processes.

Chow began by mentioning California Governor Brown’s signing into law AB 131 which affords undocumented students opportunities for financial aid in higher education. Efforts will be made to make students aware of this. Next came an appeal for the return of Disabled Student Services furniture to the classrooms to which it was assigned. Chow continued by bringing up the status of action on reported problems part time faculty are having with access to the new part time faculty space in the Baldwin Winery building. The ensuing discussion revealed a lot of energy and concern with the issue as well as the officers commitment to finding workable solutions to identified problems. An update on the Thin Book discussion session November 1st was next. Approximately 50 people have indicated an interest in attending. Chow asked the Senators to remind interested people that responding to a Meeting Maker invitation did not constitute signing up for the event. Photographs of the visiting Accrediting Team are now available. The Executive Committee meeting during the visiting team visit will be in S-81. Finally, Chow announced two winners of the prize for most successful scavenger hunt, Laurel Torres and Dan Mitchell. Mitchell expressed obvious delight and thanks as Chow handed him a gift certificate to the campus center espresso bar.

IV. Orientation/Review of the Work of the Academic Senate: Setziol went over many of the responsibilities of the Academic Senate including those areas for which the Senate is primarily responsible and those areas where responsibility is shared equally with the administration.

V. First Reading of Resolution on Course Repeatability: Lee-Wheat distributed a rough draft resolution on repeatability of physical education classes. The resolution seeks to strike a balance between the educational needs of students, especially athletes, and statewide efforts to trim costs.

VI. Statewide Student Success Task Force Recommendations: Rich Hansen was present to talk about his work as one of four faculty representatives on a twenty member statewide group making recommendations on a wide range of issues pertaining to student success. He distributed the table of contents of the report of the task force which some of the Senators had read. Hansen talked about his and other faculty responses to some of the controversial recommendations and asked for feedback and positions of the Senate. He brought out the issues of outcome based funding and the fact that, in seeking “efficient” solutions, students chances to “experience and explore” as per our current model would fall by the wayside. The item will return for action prior to the task force’s meeting in November.
VII. Governance taskforce Presentation: Chenoweth, Stockwell, and Jim Haynes gave the group an update on this long term project to make governance at De Anza transparent and more efficient. Having complete information about the various committees and committee needs on the governance website is a goal.

VIII. Good of the Order: - There will be an informational meeting for students regarding AB 131 implementation October 19th in the Multi Cultural Center
- Chow noted that the lateness of the meetings ending time corresponded closely to the lateness of achieving the quorum necessary to begin the meeting.
- Free flu shots were said to be available in the campus center Wednesday and Thursday, October 12th and 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34