

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of March 12th, 2012

Senators and Officers present: Ahrens, Botsford, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Larson, E. Lee, Lee-Wheat, Maynard, Mitchell, Leonard, Setziol, Schaffer, Swanner. Tiwana, Truong, and VonMatt

Senators and Officers Absent: Castaño, Kryliouk, M. Lee, Nguyen, Quintero, Singh, and Sullivan

DASB: Orit Mohamed

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison: Rich Schroeder

Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Education : Veronica Neal

Guests: Alan Ahlstrand, Roxanne Rashedi, and

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 Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of March 5th were approved as distributed with the removal of some Good of the Order language.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Paul Calgher, David Gray, Cinzia Muzzi, Ram Subramanian, and Homer Tong were confirmed for service on the Chemistry Faculty Search and Selection Committee.

Roger Mack, Byron Lilly, Andrew LaManque, Ameeta Tiwana, and Jen Myhre were confirmed for service on the Economics Faculty Search and Selection Committee.

Charles Ramskov, Shannon Hassett, Ben Kline, Maristella Huerta Tapia, and Isaiah Nengo were confirmed for service on the Psychology Faculty Search and Selection Committee.

Moto Ohtake, Catie Cadge Moore, and Elizabeth Mjelde were confirmed for service on the Art Faculty Search and Selection Committee.

III. President's and Vice President's Reports: Chow began by acknowledging Roxanne Rashedi who then distributed a flyer announcing an event featuring author Aimee Bender March 14th. Chow then asked DASB Senate Liaison Orit Mohamed describe her experience at the student led March in March event in Sacramento March 5th. Mohamed's account was of a great experience with a large De Anza turnout (thought to be the highest among colleges represented). She described the event as being very well organized.

Chow herself was at the League for Innovation annual conference where she was part of two panels, one presenting on the IMPACT-AAPI initiative and one on the DARE project. Leonard was also at the conference and was impressed with the Democracy Commitment session and was a presenter at one on literacy. Leonard went on to report that there will be a Northern California Reading Conference held at De Anza.

Next Chow reported on the February 23rd College Council meeting where the focus was on the new process of dealing with the numerous requests for Measure C and technology refresh dollars. The process is very complex because there are so many items that have to be filtered out since they have already been budgeted for through "refresh" dollars. When asked when projects using the funds might start to get completed, Chow said she was hoping for Fall 2012. Finally she went over changes in eligibility standards for Federal funding in the form of Pell grants to students. Students who are eligible for Pell grants will now have Pell grant aid capped at a total of six years worth of study. New students will not be eligible without a high school diploma or a GED certificate. These changes will take effect July 1st, 2012.

Lee-Wheat reported on the March 5th Board of Trustees meeting. She characterized Foothill's proposed elimination of Foothill Counselor positions as the most controversial item on the agenda. The Board had many questions about the proposal and expressed as ironic eliminating counselors at the same time the State is promoting the increased use of counselors in the SSTF. The Board "reluctantly accepted" the proposed eliminations./

IV. Analysis of SSTF Legislative Bills: Chow began by naming the two bills proceeding from SSTF recommendations, SB 1062 which addresses the needs of the Chancellor's Office and SB 1456 which is intended to supplant the Matriculation Act and is currently called the Student Success Act. She then proceeded to mention ongoing concerns like the being no linkage between discussions of the merits of the bills and already existing successful Student Service programs coming from the Matriculation Act. Other outstanding questions were said to be concerns about standardization (like the assessment

instrument now found to be lacking), limitations on the BoG fee waiver, and a lack of data predicting success of the recommendations. The ASCCC Area B meeting will take up some SSTF resolutions. These resolutions will then go to the ASCCC Spring Session April 9th-11th. Finally, it was said that the national movement from which the SSTF flowed is divided on some of the specifics mentioned in SSTF recommendations.

V. Governance Practices in Divisions and Departments: Chow decided to begin what may well turn out to be a longer term project by focusing on processes used by departments and divisions in forming faculty hiring and tenure review committees. To do this, she asked that the group divide into 5 subgroups focusing on Positive Practices, Concerns, and Possible Solutions. Comments from the groups were to be recorded on large sheets of paper provided to the subgroups. Common themes among comments reported from the subgroups included the need for well known processes at the division level, turnover of division deans causes problems, and there appears to be no history of systematic training of division deans on matters such as these.

VI. Resolution on Athletics – 2nd Reading: Setziol presented a revision based on comments from the meeting of March 5th. The result was characterized by Setziol and Rich Schroeder as going from there being too many whereases to too few, resulting in one being overly long and complex. Because of this they recommended splitting the overly long whereas, taking it back to the previously presented two whereases. After some questions about the relationship of the resolution to potential action by the ASCCC and the correction of a typographical error, the resolution passed unanimously and will now be put into a form suitable for presentation at the ASCCC Area B meeting and Spring Session.

VII. Good of the Order: - The annual PAA information workshop will be March 15th.

- The Annual Program Review Update will be due May 1st. There will be a small group training available for department chairs.
- Chow distributed a promotional flyer about a Summer Study Abroad opportunity for De Anza students in Vietnam, taught in part by Chow.
- The group was reminded of Board of Trustees reception for newly tenured faculty including Senators Kryliouk and Larson.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 32