

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of November 28th, 2011

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

Senators and Officers Absent: Botsford, E. Lee, Mitchell, Quintero, Singh, and Yang,

DASB: Orit Mohamed **Classified Senate:**

Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng **Guests:** Emily Kinner, Christina Sullivan, Martin Tamar, and Kulwant Singh

SLO coordinators/Staff Development: 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 2:33, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of November 21st were approved as distributed.

II. Needs and Confirmations: There is still an opening on the District Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC). There is also still an opening on an ETAC subcommittee, the Technology Standards Committee.

III. President and Vice President's Reports: Chow reminded the group of the Rob Fairlie presentation Wednesday and saying that she regrets her needing to be at the Academic and Professional Matters (APM) meeting to be held at the same time. She called the group's attention to on campus food drives happening for the remainder of the quarter. She characterized the IPBT-SSPBT joint meeting as a sobering and very informative occasion. Finally, Chow reported on the Student Success Task Force recommendations open forum and said its primary focus was on recommendations which would penalize some of the students the task force is supposed to be helping. For example, the BoG fee waiver unit limit represents a trap for students who, through no fault of their own, exceed the number of units specified in the recommendation. They are forced to take a minimum number of units to get the waiver and then, if that results in them taking courses not in their education plan, they are guaranteed to go over the total unit limit.

IV. Discussion of District Program Discontinuance Policy for APM Meeting:

Lee-Wheat directed the group's attention to minimal changes suggested in the District Policy by the Foothill Academic Senate. These were greeted with no objection. She then went on to take the group through the proposed administrative procedures on program discontinuance. Chow mentioned that the College Council meeting considering discontinuance was moved to December 9th. There was specific discussion of the section regarding collaboration on a phase out plan. Lee-Wheat explained this collaboration was planned to take place during the viability team meeting if a recommendation for discontinuance was being forwarded.

V. Discussion of Joint IPBT/SSPBT Meeting: Lee-Wheat projected the summary response from SSPBT to its budget reduction charge. The focus of the responses was on consequences. The group concentrated primarily on the International Students Program which brings in approximately \$10M to the District annually. If the number of classified positions went from two to one it would possibly mean a reduction in the number of international students the college could support. This and other factors might well lead to violations of federal requirements, thereby putting federal funding in jeopardy. Counseling and assessment consequences were also covered. There was reference to the great difficulty of trimming costs without losing so much apportionment that the college would enter a downward spiral. The item ended with a discussion about the possibilities that part of the reduction could be covered through collective bargaining negotiations. The officers clarified that the role of the group was to make recommendations about priorities in a way that would point to the least damaging cuts given any extent to which cost savings did not come from negotiations.

VI. A General Student Success Task Force Response Statement – First

Reading: Chow distributed a draft response for a first reading and took the group through it very carefully, pausing for questions and discussion as appropriate.

With regard to recommendation 2.5, calling for the requirement of an educational plan by the end of two terms, responses included: 1) that even as intended, the language would need to be changed from two terms to “one year” to have equity between quarter and semester colleges; 2) that the time intended was far too short for the community college population – instead a unit total of perhaps 30-40 quarter units would be appropriate; and 3) that the time intended might be alright if the resulting educational plan was freely changeable.

With regard to recommendation 3.2 calling for limitations on the BoG waiver, the group had no comment on Chow's language articulating reasons the recommendation was wrong headed.

With regard to recommendations 7.3 and 7.4 calling for a student success score card and longitudinal study, the group had no comment on Chow's language opposing the recommendations on the grounds of prohibitive cost at a time of deep cuts.

Response item 5 regarding a recommendation to modify 8.3 was said to be a separate kind of item from 1-4. Chow will slightly reframe it.

Overall the group was impressed with the draft. It will return for action December 5th .

VII. Good of the Order: - Sullivan announced pending action by the Board of Trustees on new recommendations regarding smoking on campus.

- It was announced that Senator Amy Leonard had just been hired as a full time faculty member.

- It was announced that a guest lecturer on the Greek debt crisis will make an appearance Wednesday, November 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 28