

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved notes of the meeting of November 16th, 2015**

**Senators and Officers present:** Alexander, Anderson, Bryant, Capitolo, Clem, Cruz, Delas, Dolen, Donahue, Kragalott, Langfelder, Lewis, Liu, Malek, Mitchell, Maynard, Pape, Schaffer, Setziol, Subramaniam,

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Hertler, Miskin, and Sullivan

**DASB: FA Liaison:**

**Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair:** Subramaniam

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng

**Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.:**

**Guests:** Lorrie Ranck, Marisa Spatafore, Joe Moreau, Virginia Marquez, and Sandra Blackborow

**Faculty and Staff Development:** Jennifer Myhre

**[NOTE: Item numbers are reflective of agenda numbers in the order they are actually taken up at the meeting.]**

**The meeting began at 2:32, a quorum being present.**

**I. Approval of Notes and Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed with a note about a change in the presenter of Item IV. The Notes of October 26<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed with typographical corrections.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** Lisa Markus was confirmed for service on the IPBT. Alicia Cortez, Truly Hunter, and Veronica Neal were confirmed for service on the UMOJA Counselor Search and Selection Committee.

John Butcher, Maria Delas, Alicia de Toro, and Jason Bram were brought for service on the Biological and Heath Sciences embedded Counselor Search and Selection Committee. A confirmation vote was temporarily postponed to allow Bryant to make a few inquiries. [Later in the meeting Bryant returned with answers to the questions and the faculty were confirmed as proposed.]

**III. Committee Reports:** - Bryant reported that the IPBT was now planning to receive requests for faculty positions. The District has now authorized the hiring of 18 full time faculty with 12 of those positions called growth positions. Bryant also reported that Faculty Obligation Number for the District had gone up and that there appears to be money for more classified positions.

- Maynard reported that two statewide awards were now seeking nominations, the Gerald Hayward award for teaching excellence and the Regina Stanback-Stroud diversity award.

- Cruz reported that the District Common Assessment group has completed a draft recommendation which will now go to the usual very suspect groups\*.
- There was a discussion of the new District Academic Senate role at the most recent Academic and Professional Matters (APM) meeting.
- Cruz also reported that faculty hiring was the main focus of the recently held Equal Opportunity conference held at De Anza.

**IV. Department Chairs Meeting Food Cost/Expense:** It was MSCU (Subramaniam/Pape) to approve the \$99.89 expense.

**V. Social Media Guidelines:** Vice Chancellor Joe Moreau, Marisa Spatafore, and Lorrie Ranck were present primary to receive feedback and answer questions about the most recent draft guidelines. This draft was changed from the first draft as a result of input from the Foothill Academic Senate. Cruz elicited memory of the De Anza discussion of the first draft. After numerous questions and answers, the item concluded with Mitchell and Schaffer agreeing to work with the drafters about possible language, mostly intended to protect academic freedom. Several times during the discussion it was reiterated that the document was a living document of guidelines and not set in stone policy and that, so far at least, worst case scenarios simply are not happening and, therefore, language dealing with worst case scenarios would be unfounded.

**VII. Student Textbook Challenge:** Virginia Marquez and Sandra Blackborow gave a presentation on a game used to put in sharp focus the effects of high cost textbooks and especially the disparate effects given the income levels of many De Anza students. Research shows that some students avoid even required classes due to the high cost of textbooks and that many others attempt (at least 65% of students) to pass classes without the supposedly required textbook. The game was distributed and the Senators played the game long enough to experience the different effects of backgrounds randomly assigned to them. By the end it was clear that the high cost of textbooks was made vivid and had a greater impact after playing the game rather than just contemplating the data.

**VI. Endorsement of the Recommendations of the 2015 Accreditation Task Force Report:** It was MSCU (Donahue/Clem) to endorse the recommendations in the report.

**VIII. Courses Into Disciplines and FSAs 3 year Review Counseling, Physical Education, DSPS and Language Arts:** After a brief presentation during which Setziol asked if all Language Arts faculty had opportunity for input into the review, it was MSCU (Pape/Donahue) to approve all four reviews. [NOTE: the Counseling, Physical Education, and DSPS representatives had all been asked the above question at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.]

**IX. Good of the Order and Appreciations:** - The Auto Tech canned food drive was said to be concluding but donations could still be brought to the Auto Tech area.

- The San Jose library will give full access to its collections to De Anza students until the De Anza library is reopened.

- Appreciation was stated for both the people working on the high cost of textbooks and those working on the social media guidelines.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM.**