

The De Anza Academic Senate

Draft Notes from the Meeting of March 20th, 2017

Senators and Officers present: Alexander, Balm, Cruz, Deck, Delas, Donahue, Hertler, Kalpin, Karmi, Khanna, Klingman, Levy, Liu, Malek, Mjelde, Nguyen, Setziol, Stockwell, Subramaniam, Sullivan, and Walton

Senators and Officers Absent : Clem, Dolen, Kragalott, Mello, Miskin, Pape, Tracey, and Vargas

DASB:

FA Liaison: Bob Stockwell

Classified Senate:

Curriculum Chair: Ram Subramaniam

Administrative Liaison: Randy Bryant

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

Guests: Lorrie Ranck

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

The meeting was called together at 2:32, a quorum being present.

I. Welcome: After welcoming all in attendance, Cruz pointed to the “White like Me” books that had been placed on all the tables prior to the meeting and said they were a gift from President Murphy. She then asked the Senators to read the book and invited them to attend one of three upcoming events featuring the book April 17th (Academic Senate meeting extended), April 19th, and April 28th (with author Tim Wise in attendance).

II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of March 13th were approved as distributed.

III. Needs and Confirmations: Needs – one for a temporary member of the IPBT and for the co chair of the college Phi Theta Kappa chapter. A call for volunteer Senators to comprise the annual ad hoc Elections Committee was met by Sullivan and Klingman. Dolen will be asked. Cruz will join if Dolen does not. Nguyen was confirmed for service on the Staff Development Director Selection Committee

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Action Items: A. Rules (Expectations) for Engagement at Senate Meetings (3rd reading): After a brief discussion during which most of the comments were

appreciations of the work of Deck to shorten the draft and make each item clear, **It was MSCU(Donahue/Stockwell/Alexander)** to adopt the language. Copies will be made to hand to guests and at least one copy will be posted in the room.

B. Funding Request: A request was made for up to \$300 to refresh the Joint Senates meeting of April 17th. **It was MSCU(Sullivan/Alexander)** to grant the request.

VII. Reports: - There will be a Curriculum Committee Open House, Tuesday, March 21st. It will be, like last year's event, a time to get questions answered as well as required signatures.

- Sullivan, reporting for the Facilities Committee, reported that the reopening of the Flint Center parking garage is now projected to be August 15 rather than the previously announced July.

- Sullivan also announced that the campus center reroofing should be completed by April 16th, facility refresh money requests were now being entertained and that needs for furniture and other equipment can be expressed directly by accessing the "College Operations" website and then "Furniture, Fixture, and Repair". Everyone is invited to report any facility in need of work.

VI Discussion/Information Items:

A. Canvas Implementation Update: Lorrie Ranck gave a detailed account. She mentioned that approximately 4,400 students are connected to canvas, 126 faculty are fully trained, and another 130 are in the process of being trained. The system being phased out, Catalyst, will no longer be supported after the spring quarter.

B. College Proposed Rapid Response: Academic Senate Current Realities

team: A document was distributed proposing an action plan and containing an idea of the scope of the problem and potential responses. Stockwell gave an articulate account of some of the problems faced by students, beginning with the fact that the changed atmosphere in and of itself represents a threat to vulnerable students. An example was given showing the need for college faculty and staff to be prepared: a student goes home after class and finds that both parents have been taken away by federal agents. Preparations include a listing of students most likely to be targeted by one aspect or another of the situation in which we find ourselves. Resources are needed to address extraordinary events.

Several questions were raised about individual faculty responsibility should federal agents appear at a classroom door. Despite appeals for more advice, Cruz repeated the simple protocol "Refer them to the College President". Winding the item down, Cruz said she would welcome further questions after the meeting. She ended the item by asking for and receiving a sense of the senate in support of the document and proceeding with it.

C. ASCCC 2017 Spring Plenary Resolutions: Cruz distributed copies of the ASCCC pre area meeting resolutions. She listed three resolutions which the officers wanted to call to the attention of the group as a whole. The titles and the Resolved clauses of these resolutions were read by three different Senators. All three were on the topic of minimum qualifications and equivalencies for non master's disciplines and sought to make hiring more flexible. Cruz asked for and received support for these three. Two others also were mentioned, "Support for Marginalized Students" and Support for Students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Status". Support was expressed for the intent of these resolutions as well. Due to insufficient time, other resolutions were not discussed but Cruz invited comment on the ones mentioned as well as any others and encouraged Senators to draft resolutions or ask for resolutions to be written.

BACK to VII. Reports: The IPBT has almost concluded its work on instructional equipment requests and it is anticipated that most, if not all, will be funded at least in part. Funds may be distributed as early as Spring.

- The ad hoc Common Assessment group has been working on a new retest policy and procedures document. Mathematics and English are ready to go but ESL and Reading are not.

- A report on the status of the delayed keys for faculty was requested. The officers reported on a meeting which revealed that a great deal of progress has been made with further progress on the way. One of the sources of delays has been the fact that the locksmith shop currently (and temporarily) has only one locksmith whereas, until recently, there were two. The backlog of requests looks like it will be gone very soon.

- A report on the status of having a District enrollment management team and plan was also requested. No developments were known.

VIII. Meeting Evaluation: It was observed that a significant number of items came before the group and were successfully handled.

IX. Good of the Order and Appreciations:

- The Academic Senate Scholarships have, thus far, drawn only seven applicants and all of those for just one of the two scholarships. Senators were encouraged to spread the word as well as think of worthy students to encourage.

- A new State award for achievement by a faculty member in the area of equity and diversity was announced, the John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award. See Nguyen, Vargas, or Alexander for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM.