

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of June 1st, 2015

Senators and Officers present: Anderson, Bryant, Cruz, Damjanovic, Delas, Dolen, Donahue, Freeman, Guevara, Hunter, Koshin, Mitchell, Nakase, Pape, Schaffer, Setziol, Subramaniam, and Zarghami

Senators and Officers Absent: Alexander and Liu

DASB: Pedro Enriquez **FA Liaison:**

Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair:

Administrative Liaison: Coleen Lee-Wheat

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

Guests: Dave Garrido and Mellissa Epps

Faculty and Staff Development: Jackie Reza

[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 2:34, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of May 18th were approved as distributed.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Doli Bambhania, Mo Garaghty, and Mary Pape were confirmed for service on the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Student Success Center Director Committee.

III. Committee Reports: - Subramaniam reminded the group that the annual course outline submission deadline is June 3rd.
- The IPBT is considering requests for \$500,000 worth of Instructional Equipment money. In addition, the group has been given approval to prioritize requests for classified and administrator positions.
- The final draft of the updated De Anza Educational Master Plan was reported to be posted June 3rd with Executive Committee action scheduled for June 8th.

IV. ASCCC Spring Plenary Approved Resolutions: The item will be taken up June 8th.

V. Funding Requests: Gift for Curriculum Committee Co Chair and Equity Action Council Retreat: It was MSCU(Anderson/Donahue) to authorize up to \$200 for a gift for outgoing Curriculum Committee Co Chair Anu Khanna in appreciation for her many years in that position. Cruz asked if the group would be

willing to help sponsor an Equity Action Council (EAC) retreat and said the members of the Executive Committee were invited to attend. The question was raised as to whether or not some of the considerable amount of money in the hands of the EAC could be used to fund the retreat. Fortuitously, Neal entered the room during discussion and answered the question. The guidelines for the use of Equity funds do not cover retreats or similar activities. It was MSCU (Anderson/Donahue) to support the retreat in the amount of \$500.

VI. Equity Walk: At the beginning of the meeting, the Senators had been handed a document assigning them to small groups and giving a location on campus. Cruz briefly introduced the plan for the Senators to walk to various locations on campus and make observations and answer a couple of specific questions on the document distributed about how welcoming certain places and people were, especially of one or more identified populations of students. Melissa Epps and Pedro Enriquez then gave examples of their own perspectives on what equity and an equity walk meant. Enriquez urged the Senators not to overlook mundane, small seeming things in their observations. Cruz then sent the groups on their way and gave them a time certain to return.

VII. Debrief Equity Walk: The areas visited were the Administration Building, the Media and Learning Center, the Counseling area of the Student and Community Services building, and the Campus Center downstairs. An energetic reporting on what was observed took place. Common threads of what was observed were poor signage, a lack of welcoming signs, a lack of art work, and multiple signs saying what not to do. Cruz collected all the written individual observations.

IX. Recap, Appreciations, and Good of the Order: The item was not taken up.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39