The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
December 5th, 2011

Senators and Officers present: Botsford, Bram, Chenoweth, Chow, Freeman, Hanna, Kryliouk, Lee-Wheat, Leonard, Maynard, Mitchell, Quintero, Stockwell, Sullivan, Swanner, Truong, Vonmatt, and Yang
Senators and Officers Absent: Castaño, Cruz, Glapion, Khanna, Larson, E. Lee, Nguyen, Schaffer, Setziol, Singh,

DASB: Orit Mohamed and Patrick Yip Classified Senate:
Administrative Liaison: Guests: Emily Kinner,
SLO coordinators/Staff Development:
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 2:38, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed with a reordering of Item V to come before Item IV. The draft notes of November 28th were approved as distributed with the removal of spurious language.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Anthony Delaney was approved for service on the Roseanne Quinn Tenure Review Committee replacing Marshall Hatori. 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 reported that two De Anza programs applied for statewide awards and that one of them, the First Year Experience (FYE) program received an honorable mention for the Exemplary Program Award conferred by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC). Chow announced that she intended to point to two faculty for recent accomplishments, Dan Mitchell for photography and Barbara Illowsky for Math teaching. She also reported that the Rob Fairlie talk was well attended. As a number of Senators and Officers had also attended, an impromptu discussion ensued.

V. Updates on SSPBT and Other Governance Groups: Leonard reported that the SSPBT would be sending its total of $1.4 million cuts to College Council by
Monday, December 12th. In a process described as similar to the IPBT process, no programs have been slated for discontinuance at this time. Chow reported that the Finance and Educational Resources PBT (FERPBT) is still in process towards achieving its goal of a $324,000 reduction with savings planned from vacant positions, transfer of costs, and B budget reductions. The College Council will have its next meeting December 9th.

Lee-Wheat reported that the IPBT is still $1.2 million short of its target. There was mention of a “Plan A” and a “Plan B” with Plan A, by inference, including cost savings through collective bargaining. It was reported that implementation of the first phase of the recently developed Program Viability process, although difficult, went well.

Also mentioned were A) that the state deficit was still running above the trigger for cuts range, B) that Governor Brown has begun a new push for a sales tax increase, and C) that Foothill President Judy Miner had announced imminent layoffs at Foothill due to a significant drop in enrollment.

The DASB reported on its annual budget deliberations, including a number of particulars.

There was a report on the activities of the Campus Budget Committee.

Health Services now has an advisory committee.

IV. Response to SSTF Recommendations – Second Reading: Chow reported that the task force had made numerous changes in its recommendations, went over them, and announced that the amended recommendations would be posted to the Senate website. A focal point of the ensuing discussion was the prospect of forcing student to declare a major. Chow then detailed a new response calling for further changes in the recommendations. It was MSC Leonard/Mitchell) to endorse Karen’s response to the SSTF recommendations of the task force with the addition of an endorsement of the CCCI response

VI. Good of the Order: The group was reminded to bring a canned or other non perishable food item to the December 12th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32