The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
January 23rd, 2012


Senators and Officers Absent: Beckum, Botsford, and Khanna,

DASB: Classified Senate:
Administrative Liaison:
Guests: Marc Coronado
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 2:34, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of December 5th were approved as distributed with a change in the section dealing with remarks by President Murphy to read as follows: “…Judy Miner announced five FTEF eliminations…”

II. Needs and Confirmations: Melissa Hughes was confirmed for service on the DARE Taskforce. The group was reminded of the continued need for a faculty member to serve on the Technical Standards subcommittee of ETAC.

III. Update on campus No Smoking Policy: Mary Sullivan explained the new proposed no smoking policy whereby students caught smoking in non smoking areas would be given citations with successive increases in fines for multiple offenses. Proceeds from the citations would mostly go to fund the costs of the FHDA Police department (other campus security people not being authorized to issue citations of this kind) but partly to the college smoking cessation program. Implementation is planned for Spring. It was suggested that the program run by professor Munoz at UCSF be reviewed for a possible partnership in a smoking cessation program. Chow also encouraged other ideas that faculty have be forwarded to Mary. It was MSCU (Mitchell/Hanna) to approve the new plan for issuing citations and the distribution of funds generated.
IV. Part-Time Senator Vacancy:  Chow told the Senators that, with the hiring of Leonard as a full time faculty member (now representing Language Arts), the part time faculty position she held is now vacant. She then asked that Senators to announce the vacancy to their respective divisions and whether they thought one week was sufficient notice. There were no objections to the one week time period. Once a candidate comes forward, s/he will be put up for appointment by the Executive Committee.

V. Update on IPBT:  Lee-Wheat began with the results of the fall quarter IPBT work, simply stated as the budget reduction plans A and B. Since those plans were developed and presented to the College Council, the IPBT has decided to allow divisions (not division deans acting unilaterally) to propose substitute reduction proposals equaling the cost of those faculty positions currently identified for elimination.

VI. Update on College Council: Cost reduction Plans A and B were presented by the IPBT. Plan A was accepted but Plan B was not on the grounds that it would lead to a downward spiral relative to FTES. Even Plan A was not completely accepted as presented subsequent to the meeting due to President Murphy’s analysis of the extent to which cuts could be made without severely limiting the college’s ability to reach its FTES goals. This analysis caused Murphy to draw a figurative line on the list with those items above the line to be presented as proposed (permanent elimination from the college budget) and those below the line continuing at current levels for at least one year funded by one time money. Also, Chow and Lee-Wheat told the group that there is no expectation of full time faculty hiring in 2012-2013 for 2013-2014 with the result that retirements occurring after April of this year have little prospect of being replaced until at least Fall 2014.

Chow then reported that recent reports from the District Budget Committee regarding projected State revenue suggest that that District will still face an $11 million deficit even if the governor’s proposed tax increase is approved. A $16 million deficit is projected should the tax proposal be rejected. The District will be reevaluating our options throughout the upcoming months.

VII. Update on APM:  Chow reported that the anticipated agenda focus on the district Program Discontinuance Policy was sidetracked by the Foothill Senate’s concern about De Anza’s level of action regarding implementation of the new Title 5 regulations “Revisions to the Title 5 Regulations: Policies for Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Advisories”. A large part of the meeting was devoted to the Student Success Taskforce recommendations which have now been finalized and seem to being given a kind of extreme fast track approach by the Chancellor’s Office to possible or pending legislation. That office is proposing the organizing
of the recommendation into four pieces of enabling legislation having to do with the areas of student services responsibilities, the BoG fee waiver, changes in law regarding the Chancellor’s Office, and the so called “Student Success Scorecard”.

Chow and Lee-Wheat made a presentation to a FHDA Board of Trustees study session just prior to this meeting on the subject. The Board’s main thrust will be to work with legislators, including Paul Fong and others, to ensure funding for any measure prior to its implementation.

VIII. Endorsement of Marc Coronado for the Regina Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award: After a brief but impressive presentation by Marc, it was MSCU (Cruz/Sullivan) to endorse the application of Marc Coronado for the award.

IX. Good of the Order: - Chow reminded the group of the “Occupy” movement activity planned for every Tuesday from now until one week before the “March in March” event in Sacramento. During that week, there will be an “Occupy” presence on campus each day.
- An Asian/Pacific Islander staff development workshop was announced during the week of January 23rd.
- A memorial service from long time De Anza faculty member Thelma Epstein was announced for January 31st at 3:30 PM in the California History Center.
- The next speaker series event was announced to be on the topic of a sustainable Silicon Valley.
- The group was reminded that there is a request for proposals for presenters at the Partners in Learning conference scheduled for the second Friday in March (March 9th).
- The group was told that, for celebratory, congratulating or endorsing motions, it was possible to “move by acclamation” whereby a Senator or officer would say something like “I move that we endorse Marc Coronado by acclamation” at which point general, even rousing, applause would carry the motion.
- Sullivan announced a series of five workshops for students (faculty welcome but not targeted) on mental health topics.
- A request was made for an update on the status of developing Transfer AA degrees at De Anza.
- Cruz announced an effort aimed at bringing some White House staff to De Anza to discuss the implications of the BoG fee waiver and SSTF initiatives on student success, access being one of the main topics of mutual interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28