The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
October 22nd, 2012

Senators and Officers Absent: Cruz, Kang, and Lee
DASB: Tatyana Grinenko
Classified Senate: Lois Jenkins
Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng
Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.: Veronica Neal
Guests: Coleen Lee-Wheat, Beth Smith (ASCCC Vice President), Ray Hicks (ASCCC), Mary Bennett, LaQuisha Beckum, Rick Maynard, Bob Stockwell, and Anne Argyriou
Curriculum Co Chair:
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 2:32, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of a Chancellor’s Advisory Council (CAC) Report to Item IV. The notes of the meeting of October 15th were approved as distributed with minor corrections and the removal of spurious language.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Brian Evans was confirmed for service on the Monika Thomas Tenure Review Committee replacing Andrew LaManque.

III. Statewide CCC Issues: Chow presented with assistance from Beth Smith (ASCCC Vice President) and Ray Hicks, both members along with Chow of the ASCCC Legislative and External Policy Committee. The first item mentioned was a complex one, the multiple ramifications of implementing the new Student Success Act. There are a number of work groups at work in various stages of their assigned duties, some of which were mentioned and described. Some are far along while others have yet to report and progress. Beth Smith made the Senators aware of the new statewide enrollment priorities and asked where De Anza was in implementing them without getting a response. Chow mentioned two bills regarding Open Educational Resources, an initiative begun to address the ever
rising cost of textbooks, and said that links with CSU initiatives are part of this effort. The item ended with a rapid fire discussion of a swirl of issues surrounding accreditation, the potential loss of accreditation at SF City College, the large number of colleges on probation, and questions about the actions of the ACCJC in comparison with other accrediting agencies nationwide.

IV. Area B Update, Statewide Senate Resolutions, and CAC Report: Chow decided to start with the Chancellor’s Advisory Council report. In it, Setziol focused on a new plan to replace the current “Pay to Stay” where students have five days to pay for their registration with a new system perhaps retaining the name but presenting students three options instead of the current system of five days to pay. The three options planned are 1. Immediate payment in full by credit or debit card, check, or cash, 2. Payment in full at a time certain for students with predictable full lump sum support like scholarships and other forms of financial aid, and 3. A payment plan to pay in installments. Most details, including the role of counselors and financial aid people are yet to be made specific.

In the Area B report, it was reported that numerous resolutions were discussed and an additional four written. Bryant focused on a potential turnaround by the ASCCC with regard to its stance on low unit certificates which was responsible for the current minimum of 18 units (12 semester). Also being considered was consideration of the automatic awarding of degrees as opposed to the current practice of requiring students to apply for them. The officers will check with De Anzas Admissions and Records department to see how they feel about this possibility. Chow covered and various Senators brought up several other pre session resolutions. Most discussed were resolutions regarding something called Common Core Standards for high school students where, once passed, students would be exempt from CC assessment, at least in English and perhaps in part of mathematics.

V. SSPBT and IPBT Report: The SSPBT report given by Leonard and Glapion introduced the production of a “Plan B” by that group. Plan B is aimed at identifying priorities given less than a worst case budget scenario. A Plan C was mentioned but appeared to be mostly conceptual at this stage. Glapion was congratulated for being reelected co chair of the group. Counseling is working on a foster youth effort which is predicted to interact with instructional strategies for this population. Chow mentioned that the Academic Senate, with both PBTs need to work on a definition of what constitutes a program. The main focus of the IPBT was the projection on the screen of the prioritized list of potential program eliminations, program curtailments, and position reductions and eliminations given worst case budget scenarios and a failure of other efforts like collective bargaining to help alleviate the problem. The officers all emphasized that what is going forward is required by the budgeting process and will not be presented as something that should happen if other possibilities are found. Chow will draft a
message intended for the Board of Trustees along these lines and will bring it for consideration to the October 29th meeting.

VI: Cross-listed/FSA Update: Setziol reviewed the agreed upon timeframe listing of when division reports are due. Applied Technologies, Counseling, and Library are now done or lacking just the completion of consultation with Foothill. Child Development, Special Education, and the cross listing, FSA and Foothill reconciliation portion of Creative Arts and Physical Education are due October 29th.

VII. Good of the Order: - The long awaited follow up site visit by members of the ACCJC team which reviewed De Anza’s self study in 2011-2012 was said to be imminent.
- A flyer announcing “Operation Black Vote” was distributed. The event was held October 23rd.
- The group was reminded of the Art Faculty and Staff show reception October 24th.
- The group was also reminded of a benefit concert Friday, October 26th, featuring guest violinist and guitarist.
- Chow also reminded the group of the Halloween bookstore event with Senate sponsored prizes on Wednesday, October 31st.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 29