The De Anza Academic Senate
Approved Notes of the meeting of
November 15th, 2010

Senators and Officers present: Anderson, Beckum, Castaño, Glapion, Hanna, Hertler, James, Lee-Wheat, Karst, Kryliouk, McNamara, Mello, Nickel, Pesano, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Swanner, and Tao

Senators and Officers Absent: Annen, Botsford, Cruz, Guevara, Lathers, Maynard, and Yang

DASB: Ali Masood
Classified Senate: Lois Jenkins
Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng and Rich Schroeder
Guests: Kulwant Singh, Adam Coquia, Jenn Uvira, and Sana Kathuria
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.]

I. Approval of Agenda and Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed with the withdrawal of item IV (Saturday Classes resolution). The notes of the meeting of November 8th were approved as distributed.

III. Vice President’s and President’s Reports: Anderson reported that he has, since July, spent a lot of time working on the Academic Senate website, time he can no longer afford. Luckily, he was able to secure, through President Murphy, the services of a student worker who will be helping the officers with the website and with larger projects. He then acknowledged Setziol who called for Courses Into Disciplines and FSAs report reviews from several divisions and reported receipt of the one from Biological and Health Sciences. He also heard orally from Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering that no changes were required from the one distributed. Anderson continued by announcing the participation of the college in a Gates Completion By Design grant application. De Anza, American River, LA Southwest, and San Diego City colleges are applying as a group. The grant application may be seen as a response to increasing pressure to get more students, especially “low income” students, to complete certificates, degrees, and transfer. The only concern about the grant application was whether or not the college would be obliged to continue something enabled by the grant after the grant funding expired. Anderson pledged to do his best not to let that happen. In a related topic, Lee-Wheat announced that the State Academic Senate is strongly opposing any overtures to base funding on simplistic outcome measures.
II. Needs and Confirmations: The call for faculty to serve on a District Institutional Research Committee has been withdrawn. Al Dominguez was confirmed for service on the Facilities Committee. [NOTE: After the meeting it was discovered that this was not the correct committee, making the appointment moot.]

V. Report from College Council: The item began with thanks to all of the students involved in the Measure E attempt. Stockwell reported that the inquiry from the Executive Committee regarding a proposed $800,000 fund for innovation yielded a pledge from President Murphy for clarification and transparent process. There was a plea for the disbanded COOP program to be reinstated. Regarding the Academic Senate’s resolution on shared governance, the College Council agreed to it in principal and envisioned a handbook, a possible three year periodic review, and called for volunteers and tentative timelines for a working group to devise draft documents. The item ended with Anderson opining that no modification of the resolution sent to College Council was warranted.

VI. DASB Report: Anderson again expressed thanks to students for their activism in support of the Measure E effort. The students presented three items of interest. One was on their annual budget building process. A second was the intention to raise the student body card fee from $6 to $9. The third was a “Pepsi Refresh Challenge” which includes two proposal for worthy on campus projects and nationwide voting in competition with other colleges. A handout was distributed depicting the proposed project called “Retention and Success Peer Mentor Program Proposal” The proposal stimulated discussion and questions about its relationship to existing tutoring and other support efforts. The other proposal was a competitive food drive to be spearheaded by the DASB. A handout about it was distributed.

VII. Title IX Compliance: Kulwant Singh, assisted by rich Schroeder, presented the college’s current Title IX report with regard to athletics. The upshot of the presentation was that, although the college is likely to be found out of compliance, it will not be seriously so and there is no great likelihood of sanctions.

VIII. ASCCC Report: Anderson began by giving an overview of the unofficial themes of the Fall Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Local control versus outside including state and federal government control as well as the influence of private national foundations was one theme and the other was the need to maintain the fight for primacy in the areas of academic and professional matters as they pertain to faculty. He then turned to Setziol for the most time urgent aspects, given the remaining amount of time of the meeting. Setziol very briefly talked about presentations he made at “Excess
Units” and “Senate-Union Relations” breakout sessions. The group appeared to need and desire further discussion of “Excess Units”. He then spoke briefly about developments in credit by examination and the need to reexamine De Anza policy regarding it. Mostly he spoke of SB 1440 implementation and a whirlwind state and local effort towards minimum compliance with a Fall 2011 implementation deadline. The principal and compelling trend is the adoption of Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) for majors either already structured (three so far) or targeted for completion in the next few months (at least eleven more). If De Anza does not adopt the TMC approach, it appears unlikely we would be able to be in minimum compliance. Setziol detailed the structure and state and local processes involved of TMC. Anderson ended the item by pointing out what a large effect SB1440 will have on the work of many people at the college and saying that more reporting on happenings at Fall Session would happen at the November 22nd meeting.

IX. For the Good of the Order: none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31.