



AGENDA
DASB FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, October 20th, 2014
3:30 PM
Student Council Chambers A

Call to Order

Roll Call

	Present	Absent	Late	Left Early	Excused
<u>Rhea Goveas</u>	<u>X</u>				
<u>Julia Malakiman</u>			<u>X 3:43PM</u>		
<u>Melaine</u>	<u>X</u>				
<u>Nehal Desai</u>	<u>X</u>				
<u>Quang Nguyen</u>	<u>X</u>				
<u>Arjun Gadkari</u>	<u>X</u>				

Public Announcements

Please note: Members of the public are limited to two minutes.

Approval of Minutes

October 13th, 2014

- Quang moves to approve minutes
 - Seconded by Nehal.

Business

1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION- Vote

Title: DASB Academic Scholarships

This item is to discuss and approve the new DASB Academic Scholarships, with or without revisions.

Presenter: Rhea Goveas and Nehal Desai

Time: 15 minutes

- Quang asked who would read these applications.
- Lisa informed the committee that the scholarships applications are read by volunteers who consist of faculty, staff, and classified staff. The Financial Aide office randomly selects people to read a few different scholarship applications. They have criteria to follow. Financial Aide Office weeds out those applications that don't meet the qualifications.
- John said what was the GPA last year?
- Nehal said 2.8.
- John said a lot of the students here are 2.5 because they juggle work and school. This scholarship would help them to concentrate on school by giving them more financial assistance.
- Curran, Intern asked should we put how many will be accepted?
- John said there is \$10,000 in scholarships available.
- Quang likes the 3.2 GPA.
- Arjun advocates that the GPA should be lowered but likes the change in credits.

- Naeema said 3.0 GPA should be good.
- Last year scholarship was a community engagement scholarship and had a 2.5 GPA requirement.
- Nehal thinks 2.8-3.0 would be better.
- Lisa asked for clarification, are we doing two scholarships, because it says Academic/Community Engagement Scholarship...
- LaDonna said that the higher the credits required, the better the applications will be because the applicants will be more seasoned students.
- Lisa said as a scholarship reader, she said the questions you ask should be related to academics, so the applicants can respond accordingly.
- Julia asked how many essays.
- Only one essay Nehal clarified.
- LaDonna said by increasing the credits, the students applying also have been at DeAnza longer and have been more involved.
- Quang said he likes the credits at 12.
- Naeema advocated changing it to 18 credits. That way the person may have a proven track record, but 24 credits are a little too much.
- Arjun said because of the questions are academically based.
- **Arjun moved to amend 4th point: Applicant must have been enrolled as a full time student for at least two quarters.**
 - Seconded by Melaine.
- Discussion occurred.
- Julia moves to strike have been and replace with “be”.
- Arjun said the Applicant must have been enrolled as a full time student for at least two quarters.
- **Arjun retracts his motion.**
- Arjun asked Julia to clarify her addition.
- Lisa clarified “full time student” as being the same as taking 12 units. The committee needs to be clear on the intent here.
- **Arjun moved to amend the 3rd point: “applicant must have completed at least 20 quarter units for college credits”**
 - Seconded by Julia
- **Arjun moved to amend his first movement to include “De Anza”: “must have completed 20 quarter units for De Anza College credits”**
 - Seconded by Quang
- Rhea holds a hand vote to add “**must have completed 20 quarter units for De Anza College credits.** “
 - Motion passes 4-2
- **Arjun moved to amend the 4th point: add “at De Anza College”.**
 - Seconded by Julia.
- Julia asked what would be credits that are not for credit.
- They discussed which credits don’t receive
- Rhea holds a hand vote to add “**at De Anza College**” to the 4th point.
 - Motion passes 5-1
- **Arjun moves to amend the Minimum GPA to strike 3.2 and replace with 2.8**
 - Seconded by Melaine.
- Rhea holds a hand vote to **amend the Minimum GPA to strike 3.2 and replace with 2.8**
 - Motion does not pass 3-3

- **Quang moves to amend the GPA to 3.0**
 - Seconded by Arjun.
- Nehal asks Quang why?
- Quang says it's a compromise. This is a minimum qualification for a lot of things.
- Rhea said 2.8 would be better suited.
- Rhea said the point of this is to alleviate the stress of financial difficulty, which is perhaps those who do school and work.
- Lisa made the point that if financial need is not stated as criteria, then it is not weighted when reading the application. Only when it is listed can you take it into consideration.
- John said how do you determine financial need?
- Lisa said they can fill out financial forms that determine it. But this of course depends on the purpose of the scholarship.
- Arjun said 3.0 is acceptable.
- LaDonna shared the history of the DASB scholarships and why they raised it: "scholarship" indicates that academics are weighed heavily.
- Rhea holds a hand vote to **amend the Minimum GPA to strike 3.2 and replace with 2.8**
 - Motion passes 5-1.
- Someone asked if the essay questions were the same as last year.
- Nehal clarified that they are brand new essay questions.

- Plurality vote for Essay questions by hand vote.

Essay 1: 0 votes

Essay 2: 4 votes

Essay 3: 3 votes

Essay 4: 4 votes

Essay 5: 1 votes

Essay 6: 0 votes

- 2nd and 4th essay prompts received most votes.
- Julia asked can we have two questions.
- Nehal said can we?
- John said you need a consistent approach, and should pick one.

- Julia asked can we have two essays, 250 words each...
- Rhea asked who wants two questions. Only Juila raised hand.
- Voting for 2nd essay prompt: 2 votes
- Voting for 4th essay prompt: 4 votes

- **Arjun moves to strike to "excel" and replace with "excellence"**
 - Seconded by Rhea.
- Rhea holds a hand vote to approve Essay 4 with **the amendment "excellence" to replace "excel" proposed.**
 - Motion passes 4-2.

- Quang asks Lisa what is a reader looking for when reading these applications.

- Lisa said you must look the criteria for the scholarship first. You are basing what you see on those criteria. Different scholarships have different criteria. Academics while being well rounded, although that's broad term, would be what the reader is looking for here. The essay prompt answer should tell how they do that.
- Lisa mentioned that "my story" is also included in their scholarship DeAnza webpage.
- La Donna said ICC scholarships do not consider financial aide.
- Lisa clarified that DASB does use financial aide to filter student scholarships and they do use "my story" through the process outlined by the Financial Aide Office.
- **Rhea moves to strike "community engagement" from the title of the scholarship.**
 - Seconded by Arjun
- Rhea holds a hand vote.
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Nehal pointed out to change point 3 to strike twelve as stipulated by the movement by Arjun earlier.
- Julia asked if there was an exception for DASB secretary.
- Quang mentioned that the 4th point does not reflect the changes within the 3rd point.
- Arjun asked if it would be better to reduce to 8 credits.
- **Quang moves to amend the 3rd bullet to 35 units.**
 - No second.
- Arjun brings up why 12 for current?
- Nehal said because we want full time students.
- Member from the public asked about the purpose of the scholarship again if the GPA is high and they don't have to speak to the other commitments they have.
- **Arjuna moves to extend time 10 minutes at 4:30.**
 - Seconded by Nehal.
- Arjun asked about the deadline.
- Lisa said if you want to go with the Financial Aide Office, you must go with their deadline. It takes them into March to get all of the parts of these applications together. The finalists are forwarded to a final scholarship reading committee.
- Lisa said please check with Financial Aide Office for this date.
- **Rhea moves to strike "TBA" and add "as per the Financial Aide Office deadline"**
 - Seconded Nehal
- Nehal said she will talk about to the Office.
- Rhea holds hand vote for the amendment to **strike "TBA" and add "as per the Financial Aide Office deadline"**
 - Amendments pass unanimously.
- Arjun said should the criteria be a little more subjective?
- Rhea asked for any more questions regarding this.
- Pedro asked if the essay question could include hardships.
- **Rhea moved to approve the entire Scholarship with the amendments.**
- Lisa reiterated that students usually write important personal matters in their "my Story".
- Pedro asked what Rhea's recommendations are.
- Rhea said she likes this as is, because of the "my story" essay included in the Financial Aide Office procedure.
- Julia moves to end discussion

- Seconded by Quang
- Rhea holds roll call vote.

	Yes	No
<u>Rhea Goveas</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Julia Malakiman</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Melaine</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Nehal Desai</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Quang Nguyen</u>		<u>x</u>
<u>Arjun Gadkari</u>	<u>x</u>	

- **Motion passes 5-1 to approve the Scholarship with the amendments.**
- Rhea moves to table this business item.
 - Seconded by Arjun
- Rhea moves to end discussion
 - Seconded by Julia
- Rhea holds roll call vote

	Yes	No
<u>Rhea Goveas</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Julia Malakiman</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Melaine</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Nehal Desai</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Quang Nguyen</u>	<u>x</u>	
<u>Arjun Gadkari</u>	<u>x</u>	

- Motion passes unanimously.

2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION- Vote

Title: Finance Committee will need to review and approve the 2015-2016 DASB Budget Goals
This item is for the Finance Committee to discuss, review and approve the 2015-2016 DASB Budget Goals Revisions made on October 13th, 2014.

Presenter: Rhea Goveas

Time: 30 minutes

Burning Issues

- Julia asked about costumes for Halloween Weekend.

Announcements/Informational Reports

Adjournment

4:48PM

Approved by the Senate: Date _____

Minutes taken by DASB Secretary Brian Romaine.

Signed: _____