

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of April 16th, 2012

Senators and Officers present: Ahrens, Castaño, Chenoweth, Chow, Cruz Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Kryliouk, Larson, Lee-Wheat, Maynard, Mitchell, Leonard, Quintero, Setziol, Schaffer, Suits, Sullivan, Truong, and VonMatt

Senators and Officers Absent: Botsford, E. Lee, Nguyen, Singh, Swanner, and Tiwana,

DASB:

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison: Rich Schroeder

Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Education: Veronica Neal

Guests: Debi Schafer-Braun, Christina Espinosa-Pieb, Mary Pape, and Brian Murphy

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 2:33, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The draft notes of March 19th were approved as distributed.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Monica Thompson was approved for service on the DARE Task Force. Ilan Glasman was approved for service on the Campus Center Advisory Committee. After a motion to table was passed and then reconsidered after Christina Espinosa-Pieb came in to address the situation, Dan Atencio, Jason Damjanovic, Dawnis Guevara, Cheryl Owiesny, Rachel Pacheco, and Gary Zarecky were approved for interim service on the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics Search and Selection Committee. It is the expectation of the Executive Committee that the Physical Education and Athletics division will return at the April 23 meeting with three names to serve for the balance of the search and selection process or, if there are still more than three wishing to serve, have the remaining candidates submit statements to be used for an executive Committee determination of the three to serve for the remainder of the process.

President Murphy addressed the group and began by welcoming especially new Senators to Spring and thanking ongoing Senators and officers for their

service. He then thanked the faculty as a whole for the fact that the college enrollment appears certain to reach its enrollment target for the year. Then he announced that there would be a series of workshops in late May training faculty and staff on how to deal with dangerous situations such as the tragic one recently at Oikos University in Oakland. Outside consultants will be coming to analyze the college infrastructure to see where we may need some reinforcement in dealing with extraordinary situations. A planned emergency drill may reveal some needs. In response to broader issues affecting the whole campus community, Murphy encouraged faculty participation in events like upcoming legislative hearings on campus and in Sacramento. Faculty who choose to go to Sacramento and are able to address legislators directly were encouraged to include a defense of the work and people of the classified staff.

III. President's and Vice President's Reports: Chow began by starting a round of self introductions. Prominently, new Senators Jim Suits from Social Sciences and So Kam Lee from IIS introduced themselves to the group.

Chow then continued by reminding everyone that San Jose State University has confirmed its intention to change from an admissions policy of guaranteeing eligible local student admissions to one of giving preference to eligible local student in admissions. What was new about her report was that students must also declare a major (first and second choices).

New Measure C funding decisions are about to be made in the PBTs, Campus Budget Committee, and in College Council. The situation is very complicated with some proposals being appropriate for funding through sources other than Measure C. Lee-Wheat also brought forward a new proposal to support various kinds of activities related to the entire range of SLO processes and finished products. The group carefully review a document projected by Lee-Wheat and accepted all of the proposed criteria and sample activities proposed. In particular, the criterion of "sustainability" (here not referring to environmental sustainability as per current common use – rather, whether or not the assessment cycle project can be sustained without additional funding) was determined to belong among the other criteria rather than as some kind of add on or "bonus". Finally, Lee-Wheat told the Senators to make sure that department chairs in their areas are signed up for the remaining Annual Program Review Update training. It was said to be imperative this year because of the use of a system called "TracDat" to which the departments will not have access without the training.

IV. Academic Senate Elections Committee: Maynard, Hanna, and Donohue volunteered to comprise this year's Academic Senate Elections Committee. The trio will decide among themselves who will act as chair of that group.

V. SLO Convocation: Mary Pape was present to talk about the second SLO Convocation April 27th. The theme for this convocation will be “Critical Thinking”. Institutional level assessment development will also begin at the convocation. She mentioned several things in addition to the obviously variable amount and kinds of work needing to take place. Among them were: the gathering is perhaps most importantly a time for dialogue, the time is right for departments to conceive future activities and fill out the form requesting funding support for those activities, and reminding all who should participate of the serious nature of the activity as evidenced by an ACCJC follow up visit due in Fall 2012.

She ended her presentation with a request for \$500 to support breakfast and lunch for participants. **It was MSCU (Hanna/Leonard)** to grant the request. During discussion and in response to a question, Setziol told the group that the current balance in the dues account was \$22,216.21, not only adequate to support the request but on track to add an additional several thousand dollars to the year end balance compared to a year ago.

VI. First Reading of FA Draft of Teaching Evaluation Form: The item was held over.

VII. Statewide Senate Spring 2012 Resolutions: In light of the very short amount of time available, only a few resolutions were mentioned as ones particularly worthy of supporting and none were suggested as needing to be amended or defeated.

VIII. Good of the Order: - The legislative meeting announced earlier in the meeting as being April 23rd was confirmed as being April 25th at 4:00 PM in Sacramento.

- Jackie Reza distributed the latest Staff development Newsletter and was praised for it and her efforts in general.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 34