

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes from the Meeting of April 18th, 2016**

**Senators and Officers present:** Bryant, Clem, Cruz, Delas, Dolen, Donahue, Hertler, Glasman, Kragalott, Lewycky, Liu, Malek, Mello, Miskin, Pape, Setziol, and Sullivan,

**Senators and Officers Absent** Anderson, Capitolo, Deck, Langfelder, Lewis, Maynard, Schaffer, and Wethington

**DASB: FA Liaison:**

**Classified Senate:**

**Curriculum Co Chair:** Ram Subramaniam

**Administrative Liaison:**

**Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.:**

**Guests:** Lorrie Ranck, Michelle Le Bleu Burns, Mari Tapia

**[NOTE: Item numbers are reflective of agenda numbers in the order they are actually taken up at the meeting.]**

**The meeting was called together at 2:30, a quorum being present.**

**I. Welcome and Mindfulness Activity or Call in Practice:** Cruz began by reading the cards that are normally present to remind everyone of what the group intends to practice. Bryant then took the group back to an incident when a Senator surprised most of those in the room by expressing a belief contrary to that held by most of the people in the room. After recounts of what happened, the Senators paired off and discussed what might have been done instead of what was done and how the group might train itself to do better. Two statements may epitomize the thinking of the group. One was a question about how can we step back from ourselves enough to keep from reacting reflexively and yet consider our feelings in terms of judging whether or not something needs to happen. The other was a suggestion that a clear majority needs to limit itself to asking questions rather than making statements.

**II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed with a change made in the numbering to correct a typographical error. The notes of the meeting of April 11<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.

**III. Needs and Confirmations:** Doris Spangord was confirmed for service on the Biology Lab Technician Search and Selection Committee. Esther Halwani, Barbara Dahlke, and Jason Damjanovic were confirmed for service on the Louise Madrigal Tenure Review Committee. John Cogna, Vicky Moreno, and Mary

Sullivan were confirmed for service on the Counselor: Veteran's Services Search and Selection Committee.

**IV Public Comment:** No members of the public were present.

**V. Consent Agenda:** The Academic Senate By-Laws Final Draft was approved by consent.

**VIII. Reports:** Cruz took advantage of the meeting being a little ahead of schedule to present the President's report also distributed in print. She focused on items related to accreditation, course management system change, and the 2016 Academic Senate Scholarships. She pointed the group to her written report for other items.

**VI. Discussion/Presentation Items:**

A) DARE's JAM Initiative was taken up, presented by Lorrie Ranck and Mari Tapia. Ranck and Tapia focused on a major change in the use of DARE funds. Instead of allocating funds for mini grants, the group decided to allocate all the funds to a single project. The change was made after a review of the results of mini grant project results were not promising. Modeled after an externally established (prominently at Bakersfield Community College) model called a JAM initiative, the De Anza group is calling its project "Jumpstart". The project includes several ancillary efforts towards success in English and Mathematics. Several times Ranck and Tapia brought up the fact that 86% of newly assessed students are placed into precollege level English or Mathematics and the fact that students placed in low levels of developmental classes without support almost always fail to complete a course of study at the college.

B) Academic Senate Accreditation Standard IVA Work Review Task was taken up. Cruz and Bryant presented. Copies of the standard were distributed. The first question asked in the standard (IV.A.Q1) was read and Bryant briefly described what kinds of things were involved in answering all the questions in the standard. Cruz then asked the Senators to pair up and come up with how they would answer the question. Feedback received at the meeting will be put in the template.

C) ASCCC Plenary Resolutions Review was taken up. Cruz and Setziol presented. A resolution on Support for faculty Open Educational Resources (OER) Coordinators was supported. Related to that resolution, Setziol presented a new resolution calling for a community college focused and ASCCC housed library of resources. This new resolution was supported after agreement on adding a whereas clause referencing the existing library of resources. A resolution calling for a Paper on Effective Practices for Educational Program Development was opposed unless amended to strike a whereas suggesting that the model for such a paper should come from a list of Career and Technical Education criteria. A resolution

declaring that SLO Assessment is a Curricular Matter was supported. Dolen and Cruz reported on discussions about the possibilities for a De Anza OER initiative.

**VII. Action Items: Academic Senate Role in Common Assessment and Multiple Measures – Recommendation to Form a Senate Steering Committee:**

Cruz presented a plan to include English, Mathematics, Reading, and ESL faculty as well as classified staff from various support areas in a steering committee. It was MSC (Bryant/Kragalott/Miskin) to form the proposed committee.

**BACK TO VIII.** – The Academic Senate election announcement has gone out. Open positions include President (Bryant will run), Vice President (no one announced yet), and one Part Time (no one announced yet).

- Pape announced an SLO workshop Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**IX. Meeting Evaluation:** - A request to either stifle the use of acronyms or explain them routinely was met with multiple spontaneous expressions of support.

- The meeting was said to have proceeded at a good pace, progressing through the agenda efficiently.

- The use of the “alarm clock” feature to signal that an agenda item time had expired was said to be a good device.

**X. Good of the Order and Appreciations:** - A request came from new Senator Glasman to have an agenda item discussing what could be done to change the situation now faced by students who miss one quarter in their studies and then find themselves having to apply to the college as if they were new students. Cruz said the idea can be pursued and at least be part of an agenda item at an upcoming meeting.

- Congratulations were expressed for Pape, Dolen, and the Library staff for another rich and successful SLO Convocation day.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.**