

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of January 24th, 2011

Senators and Officers present: Anderson, Beckum, Betlach, Botsford, Castaño, Chow, Cruz, Guevara, Hanna, James, Lee-Wheat, Larson, Lizardi-Folley, Maynard, McNamara, Nickel, Olsen (IIS Alternate), Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, Sullivan, Swanner, Tao, and Yang

Senators and Officers Absent: Annen, Glapion, Hertler, Kryliouk, Lathers, Mello,

DASB: Ali Masood

Classified Senate:

Administrative Liaison: Rowena Tomaneng

Guests: Ken Wiesner, Laurel Torres (FA), Cinzia Muzzi, Kulwant Singh, Victor Arredondo, and Randy Bryant

SLO coordinators/Staff Development: Jackie Reza

Curriculum Co Chair: Anu Khanna

[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 2:34, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Agenda and Notes: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of November 22nd were approved as distributed with minor editing.

III. Welcome of New Senators: All Senators were introduced and those who had not been introduced at the January 10th meeting were introduced more thoroughly.

II. Needs and Confirmations: None. However, Lee-Wheat advised the group to be prepared to get out the volunteers to staff many Search and Selection and Tenure Review committees. She mentioned that there were approximately 50 faculty slots for hiring committees and another 50 for tenure review. Additionally, there is still a need for many more Equal Opportunity representatives on Search and Selection committees.

IV. Vice President and President Reports: Lee-Wheat focused on announcing the planning of a proposal to have a flex day, perhaps called a “convocation” to give faculty and others a full day to do SLO and program review work. Lee-Wheat and Anderson emphasized that the need for faculty participation in many things is more crucial now than in the past.

Anderson reported on a number of areas of interest. The “Partners in Learning” conference was promoted. The cross listing proposal brought to the group for a first reading months previously will return for its second reading. In light of the time gap, the Senators will receive new copies of the proposal and be asked to review it carefully. The Campus Budget Committee is preparing an announcement and means for faculty to “refresh” classroom technology on campus. When asked why there was no announcement about converting more classrooms to so called smart classrooms as called for in the previous Accreditation Self Study, Anderson and then Rowena Tomaneng replied that there was a plan to complete five to seven remodels per year. This number was planned as a function of the limited time available (between terms) to work on the rooms. Finally, Anderson returned to the enrollment problem mentioned at the January 10th meeting. The 4.7 (approximately) percent shortfall in enrollment was said to be troubling and baffling. Senators contributed many possible explanations with several of those dealing with the capabilities of the Banner system and several with a message apparent to students that De Anza has no room for them and makes it difficult and discouraging to apply and get enrolled. At a subsequent meeting Anderson will be calling for a broad based ad hoc committee to study the problem and seek creative solutions.

V. Budget: While most numbers were not new, they were presented in starker and more concrete terms than previously to prepare the senators for the drastic nature of probable cuts and Anderson asked Senators to prepare their constituents to realize that huge numbers of faculty and or classified staff may have to be terminated or multiple programs to be eliminated. Further, he made an impassioned case for the need for everyone to do their best work to ensure that the college survives as intact as possible. Even budget scenarios projected as being best case or most likely were said to be large enough to result in likely further downturns in enrollment and a subsequent need for more cutting.

VI. Hiring: Process for identifying positions to be approved: The group discussed the idea of having 16 requests for replacement positions being in the same discussion with 11 requests for growth positions.

There was no clear direction to combine or separate the two. Four of the five faculty representatives on the IPBT were present and heard numerous suggestions for determining priority among the 27 requests for positions. The college mission

and institutional core competency statements were shown and spoken to but not in a way so as to suggest any kind of specific linkage to specific proposals.

VII. General Education and SB1440 Open Fora: As time was getting short, Setziol asked the Senators to look for a posting on the Senate website later in the week and to communicate its contents to their constituents. Anderson reminded the group that the implications of SB 1440 were more profound than any legislation since AB1725 and that were it not for the budget and enrollment situations, the group would be spending much of its time on SB1440 implementation.

VIII. Academic Senate Survey: The item had been briefly mentioned earlier but was held over at this point.

IX. Veterans Professional Development: Victor Arredondo was present to encourage Senators and other to participate in a workshop titled “Welcome Home: The Voice of Our Returning Veterans” February 10th and 11th. He began his presentation with a moving personal story which was well received by the group. A flyer with all pertinent information was distributed.

X. Good of the Order: - Lee-Wheat announced the airing of a film “Race to Nowhere” January 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24