

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes of the meeting of November 25th, 2013**

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson-Watkins, Bryant, Cruz , Dahlke, Davis, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Hanna, Karst, Leonard, Lewycky, Lucas, McCart, Newell, Setziol, Sun, and Swanner

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Buchanan, Capitola, Centanni, Fouquette, Pacheco, Schaffer, Sullivan, and VonMatt

**DASB:** Theresa Christina **FA Liaison:**

**Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Coleen Lee-Wheat

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

**Guests:** Ben Pacho, Cynthia Kaufman, Anita Adams, Maria Baez, Jim Suits, Terry Ellis, Cecelia Ng, Josephine Villanueva, Roseanne Quinn, and Thomas Turner

**Faculty and Staff Development:**

[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 2:35, a quorum being present.

Prior to convening the official meeting, Cruz allowed guest Ben Pacho to promote efforts underway to inform students of “Cover California”, the State of California’s approach to implementing the new US Affordable Health Care Act. Conference rooms A and B will be the location of an event on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

**I. Approval of Notes and Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed with Cruz announcing a reordering, taking up item VIII before item VII. The notes of the meeting of November 18th were approved as distributed with minor corrections.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** There were none

**III. Committee reports:** - The Partners in Learning Committee announced a new deadline for submission of proposals of December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**IV. Spotlight! Administration of Justice and Paralegal:** Jim Suits presented the Administration of Justice program and Terry Ellis presented the Paralegal program. A program brochure was distributed for both. Suits began by stating

that the primary goal of the Administration of Justice program was to prepare students for jobs in the criminal justice system. It is projected that prospects for jobs in the future are increasing. Homeland Security specifically is projected to hire a large number. Currently, a wide range of agencies is looking to hire and this will increase the number of students enrolling in the program. When asked whether or not they were anticipating teaching disaster management, the answer was that, if a large agency like Homeland Security asked for it, they would provide it. The Paralegal program was presented by Terry Ellis who said that, like with the Administration of Justice program, Paralegal graduates were in high demand and that the program is seeking to expand. Cruz thanked the presenters for their presentations and the group applauded them as well.

**VI. Global Environmental Awareness GE Requirement:** Given the appearance of guests for the item, Cruz took up the item out of order without objection. Setziol introduced the item and distributed a document giving background for the request and emphasized that the presentation was a requested for approval in concept with many important and perhaps deciding details to be worked out later. He said it was linked to item V on the agenda. Guests Cynthia Kaufman, Kristen Jensen-Sullivan, Cecilia Ng, and Thomas Turner continued the presentation. This group spoke to the need in general terms and showed that the adoption of this requirement would complete a structure of having general education requirements responding to each of the college's Institutional Core Competencies. **It was MSCU (Leonard/Donahue)** to approve the requirement conceptually.

**VIII. Partners in Learning Conference Funding Request:** Cynthia Kaufman requested \$500 to pay a stipend of that amount to a keynote speaker for the event. **It was MSCU (Leonard/McCart)** to approve the request.

**VII. Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center Presentation and Request for Endorsement:** Student Trustee Anita Adams led a group of student in making a well received presentation on the need for a safe place dedicated specifically to the special needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender students including a wide range of services. There was some concern expressed about the stability of ongoing funding but the students' obvious dedication to making such a center work and to seek funding from any willing provider was apparent. **It was MSC(Leonard/Anderson-Watkins)** to endorse the concept and creation of a Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center.

**V. General Education Review:** Setziol presented the background for the item and both Cruz and Setziol referred the Senators to a document on the subject distributed earlier in the meeting. The basic background was a convergence of the need to deal with general education in response to accreditation, following through

on a commitment to periodic general education review, and the timeliness of the topic of item VI which would require a general education review to be done properly. Hanna also contributed significantly as she was a participant in the previous general education review. Early on in the presentation it was clarified that the effort was focused neither on the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) nor the California State University Breadth CSU-Breadth) patterns, rather, the De Anza specific philosophy of general education and resultant specific to De Anza general education requirements. The action request was for the creation of a steering committee or working group and a timeframe for the work including final approval. After much discussion and gnashing of teeth during which time the magnitude of the effort came into increasingly sharper focus, **It was MSCU (Leonard/Swanner)** to table the action until the first meeting of Winter [tentatively scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>]. The officers agreed to send appropriate background materials for division and department discussions and Senators will seek feedback in time for that meeting.

**IX. ACCJC New Accreditation Standards:** The item was held over

**X. Meeting Recap:** - The Cover California event

- General education review
- Women, gender, and sexuality center
- environmental sustainability and global citizenship requirement

**XI. Good of the Order:** - A flyer promoting a variety of events and means relating to typhoon Haiyan relief efforts was distributed and presented.

- Bryant asked who among the Senators was sending copies of their weekly Executive Committee meeting updates and advised those who have not been doing that to start doing it.
- The final can count from the annual Automotive Technology food drive was given as 8,800 cans.
- There will be a holiday ceramic sale benefiting the Art department December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4: 27**