

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes from the Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Senators and Officers present:** Bryant, Clem, Cruz, Deck, Delas, Dolen, Donahue, Hertler, Kragalott, Kalpin, Klingman, Langfelder, Lewycky, Liu, Malek, Mello, Miskin, Pape, Setziol, and Wethington

**Senators and Officers Absent** Glasman, Lewis, Maynard, Schaffer, and Sullivan,

**DASB: FA Liaison:** Bob Stockwell

**Classified Senate:** Lorna Maynard

**Curriculum Co Chair:** Ram Subramaniam

**Administrative Liaison:** Rowena Tomaneng

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

**Guests:** Susan Cheu, Donna Jones-Dulin, Yael Karmi, Linh Ton, Steephanie Rigsby, Truly Hunter, Lisa Li, Jim Nguyen, Louise Madrigal, Mark Landefeld, Anthony Santos, Nick Mattis, Colleen Lee-Wheat, and Roseanne Quinn

**[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 2:33, a quorum being present.**

**I. Welcome and Call in Culture/Mindfulness Activity:** Cruz began by saying the meeting was dedicated to the victims of the recent mass shootings in Orlando, Florida. Instead of a new activity, Cruz recounted previous activities and the positive feedback she has received about them, including accounts of classroom use.

**II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of June 6th were approved as distributed with a correction to the attendance portion and the removal of spurious language in item III.

**III. Needs and Confirmations:** Alicia Cortez, Julie Sartwell, and Esther Halwani confirmed for service on the Monica Espinoza Tenure Review Committee.

**IV. Consent Agenda: A. Confirmation of Isaac Iscoto as the District Academic Senate President.** After a brief introduction, Iscoto was confirmed.

**V. Public Comment:** None

**VI. Discussion/Information:**

**A: Curriculum Committee Annual Report:** Subramaniam walked the group through a presentation of the numbers and kinds of things accomplished by the Curriculum committee during the 2015-2016 year. The Curriculum Committee dealt with many issues and new directives from the Chancellor's office as well as recommendations from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Open houses were well attended and well received. The majority of his presentation focused on the need for a change in curriculum submission deadlines

**B: Scorecard Presentation:** Mallory Newell presented statistics and, later, questions regarding student success. De Anza's scorecard compares favorably overall with college statewide as well as "peer" colleges (determined by the Chancellor's Office) but shows that we are still not making enough progress in closing the achievement gaps with most of the targeted groups. The statistics also show the effectiveness of special programs and "Pathways". Her presentation ended with a statement of analysis and questions as to the ramifications of the data. Cruz suggested that the Executive Committee could and should focus on the questions and potential action appropriate to answers and potential answers to those questions.

## **VII. Action Items:**

**A. De Anza College Facilities Master Plan Draft:** The item was a second reading. There was a brief presentation. A question was raised as to whether the college would be obliged to pursue the implementation of the plan regardless of how remote the possibility was that such a plan could ever come to fruition. The answer was that there was no particular obligation to continue to pursue something in the plan. **It was MSCU (Leonard/Subramaniam)** to approve the plan.

**B. AP 5060 Academic Renewal Regulations – Proposed change 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** After a question was raised as to whether or not UC, CSU, and other universities might not accept the results of the proposed change, thereby jeopardizing a student's ability to transfer, **it was MSCU (Leonard/Subramaniam)** to table the discussion to the Fall.

**C. De Anza Version of CSU Breadth Information and Recommendation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Subramaniam reiterated much of his presentation from the meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup> and added a couple of new points of emphasis, most prominently, that ADT degrees in high unit majors could not go forward with the De Anza CSU GE Certification as it is now. **It was MS (Miskin/Leonard)** to accept the recommendation. A lengthy and sometimes passionate discussion followed. Representatives

from the Political Science department spoke against making the change recommended while multiple faculty from disciplines not directly affected by the change spoke for making the change. The most commonly made statements focused on the inadvisability of requiring students to take classes not required by CSU to get De Anza's certification that students had satisfied CSU's requirements. Subramaniam offered a compromise in reframing the recommendation to read "Eliminate the word 'required' or 'must' from Area C and D. Replace 'required' with 'highly' or 'strongly' recommended. Also include language about CSU graduation requirements." **The motion was approved.**

**D. Change to Annual Curriculum Deadlines:** Subramaniam presented a number of reasons for changing the annual curriculum submission deadline. **It was MS (Leonard/Pape)** to approve the change. Depending on one's perspective, the proposal moves the deadline somewhere between one month and two months earlier. During discussion, several people said they liked the differentiated deadline approach – i.e. one deadline for requesting new course numbers, one deadline for getting matrices approved, et cetera prior to the deadline for all steps to have been approved prior to Curriculum Committee action. Some concern was expressed about the constant moving of deadlines earlier, thereby making the curriculum less adaptable for needed changes. **The motion was approved.**

**E. Priority Registration for Athletes Recommendation:** After a brief introduction during which Cruz referred the Senators to supporting material previously distributed **it was MS (Leoard/Deck)** to approve giving athletes priority in registration. A brief discussion revealed support and did not reveal opposition. **The motion was approved.**

**F. Commendation for Associate Vice President of Instruction Rowena Tomaneng:** Cruz, Bryant, and Setziol read a resolution framed for display commending Tomaneng who was announced as leaving the college to become the President of Berkeley City College. Reading in rotation, the officers read an entirely supportive resolution of commendation, considering Tomaneng to be an exemplary administrator. **The resolution was adopted by acclamation.**

**VIII. Reports:** Cruz distributed copies of her President's report

**IX: Meeting Evaluation:** The meeting evaluation was a hybrid of appreciation for Cruz and a reaffirmation of the June 6<sup>th</sup> statement of accomplishment.

**X. Good of the Order and Appreciations:** - Bryant presented a gift of appreciation and thanks to Cruz for her two outstanding years of service as President of the Academic Senate. The gift was accompanied by a greeting card signed by all the members of the group. As is the custom of the Academic Senate, the cost of the gift had approved through a special motion from Bryant and Setziol.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.**