

# De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## The De Anza College Academic Senate

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson, Beckum, Botsford, Glapion, Hanna, James, Kryliouk, Larson, Lathers, Lee-Wheat, Karst, Maynard, McNamara, Mello, Pesano, Schaffer, Setziol, Stockwell, and Yang

**Senators and Officers absent:** Annen, Cruz, Guevara, Hertler, Nickel, Swanner, and Tao

**DASB:** none **Classified Senate:** none

**Administrative Liaison:** none **Guests:** Stacey Cook, Jim Haynes, Virginia Marquez, Michelle LeBleu-Burns, Laurel Torres, and So Choi

**SLO coordinators/Staff Development:** Jackie Reza **Curriculum Co Chair:**

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

**I. Approval of Agenda and Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of September 27<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** Anthony Delany, Scott Heffner, Barbara Illowsky, and Michelle Fritz were confirmed for service on the Catalyst Distance Learning Advisory Committee. **Tenure Review Committees:** Anita M-Kandula, Brian McCauley, Kristin Skager, Alicia Cortez, Herminio Hernando, Alex Kramer, Tim Shively, Marshall Hatori, Wendy White, Susanne Chan, Rob Clem, and Cinzia Muzzi were all confirmed for service.

In response to a question, Anderson pledged to return to the practice begun by Anne Argyriou of providing a brief synopsis of agenda items attached to the agendas when they are being distributed.

**III. President's Report:** Anderson began by introducing new Senators Wifredo Castaño (Creative Arts), Iaroslav Kryliouk (Physical Sciences, Math and engineering, and Julie Pesano (Language Arts). He then turned to the state budget and announced that a tentative deal on the budget had been struck which is a status quo budget for the California Community Colleges, which is very positive in light of continued cuts to other areas of the budget. However, next year may be worse. The next topic was the De Anza accreditation mid term report due October 15th. It has gone to the board and was the product of a lot of last minute type work done in by faculty on the SLO team with Lois Jenkins and Accreditation Liaison Officer Marisa Spatafore editing.. Anderson was asked several questions about who wrote

the report through what process and if that process was working well. Anderson's answer suggested problems but stopped short of suggesting any importantly negative ramifications. Reports to the Executive Committee from the four accreditation standard faculty co chairs will begin October 11<sup>th</sup> . Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Anderson announced that SB1440 had been signed by the governor mandating a transfer degree with general education and majors requirements set at the state rather than local level. This will perhaps create opportunity for students and will definitely cause many changes in curriculum here at De Anza. The item is likely to be on the agenda repeatedly.

**IV. Orientation (continued):** Setziol led the group on a working session aimed at preparing the Senators to lead informed discussions of the important facts and ramifications of reviewing the Courses Into Disciplines and FSAs Report. He also mentioned that he would be available to meet with departments and divisions as needed and that a timeline would be coming for completion and review by the Executive Committee.

**V. SSPBT Leadership:** Stacey Cook, Jim Haynes, Virginia Marquez, Michelle LeBleu-Burns were present representing the SSPBT as was Laurel Torres representing the counseling division in light of the unavailability of Senators Tao and Nickel. The group from the SSPBT came to speak to a proposal which would change the SSPBT faculty co chair position (with the person determined by the Academic Senate Executive Committee) to a non administrator co chair position (with the person determined by the SSPBT group itself). Laurel Torres, represented the position of the counseling faculty to retain the current agreement and gave several reasons. As this was an information item on the agenda, Anderson tried to limit the Senators to questions of clarification and reminded the Senators to think about it and to discuss with their constituencies because the item would return at least two more times.

**VI. Electronic Voting:** Maynard, chair of the Elections Committee, proposed electronic voting for uncontested Senate elections. Reaction was very preliminary and a bit mixed.

**VII. Guest Announcements:** Student So Choi was present to inform the group about activities aimed at supporting funding for community colleges and, in particular, the passage of the local parcel tax proposal called Measure E. She urged Senate and individual faculty support for the effort to pass the measure and for faculty to encourage student participation.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:31**