

Graduation Committee Meetings
November 28th, 2006

De Anza College, Room L 49 10:30 AM to 12:10 PM PST

Objective: Should public service be a requirement for college graduation?

- I. Review ground rules Hunter
- II. Advantages Chris 4-5 minutes
Q1. What type of experience will this be for students?
Q2. How will public service benefit students?
Q3. In what ways can public service be fulfilling?
- III. Consequences Nick 4-5 minutes
Q1. How does public service affect students' workload?
Q2. What are the negative aspects of public service?
Q3. What type of practical issues might this cause for full-time working students?
- IV. Decision Hunter 2-3 minutes
Q1. What can be agreed upon for this topic?
Q2. What are some possible outcomes as a result of our decision?
Q3. How will this decision influence student education?

Ground rules for this meeting:

- This meeting will last for 12 to 15 minutes and no longer.
- All who are present in this meeting will be listened to and all will have a chance to express themselves.
- Speak one at a time; try to refrain from interrupting one another.
- Conflict and dissent are welcome under the condition of respect and courtesy.

Facilitation Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Nov 30, 2006

At the Nov 30th meeting, we discussed the topic “Should we institute required voting in national elections?”. Tahsin Khan, Enzo Huynh, and Tamar Fraenkel facilitated the topic.

After some discussion, the group decided that the some of the benefits from mandating voting in national elections is that we will get a good turnout and possibly more honest politicians if they are forced to try to win all the votes and not target a selected group of people to win them over. There was some discussion if the populace would be more educated on the issues they needed to vote on. Some believed that if people have to vote they will make themselves more informed of the issues, while others believed that those who don't want to vote will not bother to inform themselves.

The possible consequences of instituting voting in national elections were that some of the votes would be skewed from protest votes and party line votes from those wanting to “get it over with quickly”. Because of the possibly skewed votes the outcome will be questionable about the peoples' will on the issues.

When the matter came to a vote, the majority voted “No” on making national elections mandatory.