

The De Anza Academic Senate

Approved Notes of the meeting of October 21st, 2013

Senators and Officers present: Anderson-Watkins, Bryant, Buchanan, Capitola, Centanni, Clark, Cruz, Dahlke, Davis, Donahue, Freeman, Glapion, Karst, Leonard, Lewycky, Lucas, McCart, Pacheco, Setziol, Sullivan,

Senators and Officers Absent: Hanna, Newell, Schaffer, Sun, Swanner, and VonMatt

DASB: FA Liaison: Anne Argyriou

Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair: Ram Subramaniam

Administrative Liaison: Coleen Lee-Wheat

Director of Diversity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Ed.: Veronica Neal

Guests: Paul Marcille

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 2:32, a quorum being present.

I. Approval of Notes and Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of October 14th were approved as distributed with the removal of spurious language.

II. Needs and Confirmations: Bryant was approved for service as an at large member of the Julia Ratnasamy Tenure Review Committee. Diane Pierce was approved for service as an at large member of the Rocky Lewycky Tenure Review Committee. Centanni and Fouquette were approved for service on the DARE Task Force. There is a need for a faculty member on the Campus Center Advisory Board. [NOTE: Later in the meeting Byant asked for and received approval of Cheryl Owiensy for service on the Athletic Trainer Search and Selection Committee.]

III. Committee Reports: - The IPBT is moving the timeframe for faculty position recommendations earlier in the year. Because applications to replace faculty positions will be due January 9th and need to include justifications as well as job descriptions, faculty are advised to consult with colleagues in their departments with regard to retirement plans and to prepare job descriptions prior to the end of Fall quarter. There was no objection to the new timeframe. The new timeframe is due to be voted on at the next IPBT meeting.

- The Curriculum Committee update provided by Ram Subramaniam consisted of clarifying the role of Cheryl Woodward in signing course requisite matrices. She will continue to be responsible for this. However, her signature will no longer be required prior to the submission of curriculum materials.
- Mary Pape alerted the group to the latest SLO Newsletter and focused on its publication of the names of division SLO coordinators.
- An SSPBT report was given by Randy Claros who announced the launching of “the Advocates Program”. Claros listed the newly adopted SSPBT priorities for the year consisting of the use of technology, Student Success Act implementation, veterans, foster youth, and Comprehensive Program Review.

IV. Finalize Executive Committee Work Plans: Cruz took the group through each of the topics previously determined beginning with equity work. Neal and Cruz reviewed what had been accomplished at the September 30th meeting and then began a discussion of intended work for the newly formed ad hoc Academic Senate Equity sub committee comprised of Neal, Cruz, Bryant, and Anderson-Watkins as well as for the Executive Committee as a whole. Cruz captured information and suggestions offered by the group as a whole. An important component of the work of the sub committee will be to identify suitable resources and how to use those resources by November 25th.

- With regard to Comprehensive Program Review, the group filled in missing pieces of what, when, who.
- With regard to SB1440 and SB440, the plan was confirmed as previously presented but the discussion revealed the need for more information and understanding.
- With regard to Student Success Act (SB1456) work, the group reviewed a prioritization of efforts among the many facets of the legislation.
- With regard to Part Time Faculty Issues, Cruz led a discussion delineating contractual issues from those issues which are either shared responsibility issues or non contractual issues. After further discussion aimed at establishing a timeframe for discussion and action, it became clear that different issues would call for different timeframes.

V: Report on Area B meeting: Cruz reported that Beth Smith (ASCCC President) was at the meeting and gave a number of insights. Smith talked about opportunities arising from the passage of Proposition 30 last November. She also mentioned that the funding formula for community colleges has been changed in terms of the source of the funding. A large majority of community college funding [Since the passage of proposition 13 in 1977] has come from the state’s

general fund. Now it will be only 1/3 from the general fund, with the rest coming from property taxes and other sources. The much debated and mostly opposed legislation to allow for a two tier tuition pilot program has resulted in only one college (Long Beach City) declaring an interest. The passage of SB 440 was introduced. AB86 was presented. It delineates appropriate non credit instruction. The ASCCC will be reviewing new accreditation standards. These will be discussed at the Fall Plenary Session. Finally, Smith brought up efforts by San Francisco City College to avoid loss of accreditation and subsequent closure. Various resolutions were discussed and amendments suggested.

VI. Reexamining the Academic Senate approach to SB 1440: In a natural segue from item V, Setziol distributed copies of the resolution written by officers which had been called for by the resolution passed October 14th. He also distributed copies of the newly passed and signed SB440. The passage of 440 prompted the officers to withdraw the resolution from consideration by Area B because its topic is amending SB1440. A quick reading of 440 makes it unclear whether the resolution is still appropriate as written or needs to be modified. The Senators were asked to read SB440 and to give feedback as to which ideas in the resolution are still appropriate.

VII. Faculty Hiring: The item was held over.

VIII. Meeting recap: Senators were asked to emphasize the following in their reports to the constituents: Faculty involvement in committees; Feedback on the Senate's finalized work plan; the importance of faculty coming up with job descriptions at the same time they are identifying the need to fill impending full time vacancies; and a review of the resolution on SB1440/440.

IX. Good of the Order: - Senators were invited once again to attend the benefit concert for music student scholarships October 25th. Karst asked about donating without attending. Setziol will respond to Karst.
- Transfer day will be October 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 31