

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes from the Meeting of March 13th, 2017**

**Senators and Officers present:** Alexander, Clem, Cruz, Deck, Delas, Dolen, Donahue, Kalpin, Karmi, Khanna, Klingman, Kragalott, Levy, Liu, Malek, Mello, Miskin, Mjelde, Nguyen, Setziol, Stockwell, Subramaniam, Tracey, and Walton  
**Senators and Officers Absent :** Hertler, Pape, Sullivan, and Vargas

**DASB:** Kurumi Sasaki

**FA Liaison:** Bob Stockwell

**Classified Senate:**

**Curriculum Co Chair:**

**Administrative Liaison:** Randy Bryant

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

**Guests:**

[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:** Cruz gave a general welcome to all in attendance.

**II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed. The notes of the meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed with minor corrections.

**III. Needs and Confirmations:** 1 more faculty are needed for the Professional Relations Committee, especially a woman from other than Social Sciences. Charles Lee, Alicia Cortez, and Truly Hunter were confirmed for service on the Counselor Position (funded by AEBG) Search and Selection Committee.

**IV. Public Comment:** Stockwell, representing State of California legislator Evan Low, presented a special Certificate of Recognition for Jim Nguyen on the occasion of his being awarded tenure and for outstanding service promoting civic engagement on the part of students.

**V. Action Items:**

**A: Rules/Expectations for Engagement at Senate Meetings:** Cruz distributed copies of a revised draft produced by the officers on the basis of comments made at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and input provided later by Pape. It was the sense of the Senate and acknowledged by Cruz to have Deck produce a new version stating the

ideas more succinctly using a technical writing style. The item is anticipated to return March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**B: Testing Center: Request and Recommendation:** Cruz brought the group back to this item first presented March 6<sup>th</sup> and clarified the action requested. A discussion ensued during which questions of practicalities and priorities were brought forward. Where would there be space? What administrative authority would be responsible? How high a priority is this request relative to other needs? During the discussion of these questions, an increasing need for such a center was expressed. Some places require students to pay for proctoring by some outside provider. \$35 for one hour plus \$10 for each subsequent hour per student was quoted as an example of the charges faced by students. It was noted that, in some cases, this would mean the student paying more for each test than the tuition cost of the course. It was also noted that the request was a conceptual request, meaning that the practical questions raised in discussion were properly a part of what would come next. It was MCSU (Donahue/Delas) to pursue the idea with the administration as a matter of high priority.

## **VI. Discussion/Information Items:**

**A. Enrollment and Enrollment Management Update:** A slide show first presented at a Board of Trustees study session was given. It showed suspected causes of enrollment decline, strengths, and strategies for recovering enrollment. Suspected causes included UC and CSU accepting more students, a booming economy, and hesitancy on the part of international students in the current political climate. Strengths included pre enrollment services at local high schools where a nearly full range of services leading to registration at De Anza are offered to high school students at the high school. Two strategies prompted discussion – increasing online offerings and shifting the enrollment management emphasis. Several Senators questioned the overall enrollment effectiveness of this online education and suggested a real and thorough study of a wide variety of factors. Shifting the college enrollment management emphasis from an emphasis on productivity to an emphasis on enrollment per se was discussed in terms of whether or not the current strategy is working at all. Cruz ended by reminding everyone of the need for both District and College comprehensive and serious enrollment plans.

## **B. Civic Literacy: Conversation about democracy and fascism:**

Nguyen distributed copies of 14 characteristics of fascism and led the group on an exercise which had the Senators in pairs reading the 14 points and choosing three of them as being of most concern in the current environment. They were also asked to cite specific policies or incidents prompting their choices. Several Senators commented on how hard it was to narrow their choices to three things and almost half of the 14 were cited as being of particular concern. Characteristics

most often cited were number 3) Identification of Enemies/Scapegoats as a Unifying Cause, number 6) Controlled Mass Media, and number 12) Obsession with Crime and Punishment.

**C. Re-affirmation of Faculty Ethics Statement:** After a brief discussion during which newer faculty reported that the ethics statement adopted by the faculty at large in 1991 was not being presented at new faculty orientations as had been planned, it was an easy consensus of the group to put a re-affirmation on the ballot of the Senate election in May.

**D. Principles of Equity Review:** After a brief presentation of the item, volunteers read aloud projected principles. The Senators were then asked to put into their own words what each of these meant.

**VII. Reports:** - There were brief reports on the push for timeliness in getting keys to faculty and about the discussion of having a District enrollment strategy and plan. An award for faculty and staff was also reported.

**VIII. Meeting Evaluation:** - The meeting was said to have covered a lot of ground on important topics. Having the discussion of fascism and democracy was appreciated, perhaps especially for the opportunity to discuss the situation with colleagues.

**IX. Good of the Order and Appreciations:** - Flyers announcing an upcoming visit by Anita Hill were distributed. The event will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

- The student election is being redone due to problems with the initial voting proceedings.
- An event featuring the book "White Like Me" with author Tim Wise was announced for Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.**