

**The De Anza Academic Senate**  
Approved Notes of the meeting of  
April 28th, 2014

**Senators and Officers present:** Anderson-Watkins, Bryant, Dahlke, Donahue, Freeman, Gallegos, Glapion, Guevara, Hanna, Karst, Leonard, Lilly, McCart, Mjelde, Pape, Schaffer, Setziol, Sullivan, Sun and Swanner

**Senators and Officers Absent:** Buchanan, Cruz, Fouquette, Neal, and Schafer-Braun,

**DASB:** Caleb Hadad **FA Liaison:** Anne Argyriou

**Classified Senate: Curriculum Co Chair:**

**Administrative Liaison:**

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

**Guests:** Cynthia Kaufman

**Faculty and Staff Development:**

**Item numbers are reflective of agenda numbers and are 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 with the holding over of Item VII.

The notes of the meeting of April 21st were approved as distributed with the removal of spurious language.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** Karen Chow was confirmed for service on the Sarah Lisha Tenure Review Committee replacing Marc Coronado. A need was announced for the annual formation of the Academic Senate Elections Committee. After a brief discussion, Leonard agreed to chair and Guevara and Dahlke agreed to serve.

**III. Committee reports:** - Cynthia Kaufman reported that the Partners in Learning Conference this year was a great success and that attendance was strong, especially from classified staff. She credited much of the success to the fact that the event was hosted by the Creative Arts and Biological and Health Sciences divisions. She also mentioned that the Partners in Learning committee would continue to meet throughout the year and is looking for two more divisions to host next year's event.

- The IPBT is still in a phase of reading reviews from last year while waiting for

this year's comprehensive program reviews.

- Dahlke reported that the College Mission Statement Review committee was still receiving feedback about the four options for an institutional core competency title presented at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- A progress report on the Executive Committee work plan was distributed.

**IV. ACCJC Proposed Standards Revision – Feedback Session Part 2:** Bryant led the item in the absence of Cruz and began by saying that any feedback after the meeting needed to get to him by Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. He then directed to selected passages identified by Cruz as being of particular interest. There were comments about each of the highlighted sections but only one concrete suggestion for change. Regarding the section on co-curricular programs which singled out physical education, Guevara suggested that the entire paragraph be eliminated. Setziol reminded the group that the language was developed in response to several scandals regarding the practice. Comments receiving apparent consensus were A) objections to references using a business model for academia in inappropriate areas and B) questioning the ramifications of and the need for the evaluation of administrators on the topic of effectiveness of instruction.

**V. Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Procedures (AP) AP 4236 (Honors) and BP/AP 5075 (Withdrawal):** Bryant began with BP/AP 5075 and characterized it as being very straightforward and not controversial from his perspective. A question was raised about the lateness of the deadline (9<sup>th</sup> week). Several answers were given that seemed to be satisfactory. A much more robust discussion ensued regarding AP 4236. Caleb Hadad raised several issues and was asked several questions. The DASB is concerned about the status of the honors program and has eliminated funding for the coordinator position. This was primarily done because the way the program operates at De Anza is not acceptable to the UC system. The only true honors course at the college is apparently honors English. The UC system has a definition of honors programs which includes core courses reserved for honors students. The students want a program with courses recognized by UC as appropriate. Hadad mentioned that a model for an honors program is available on line. Bryant announced that the issue would be the focus of an agenda in the near future.

**VI. Library remodel:** Swanner projected an image of a campus map and showed that the library would temporarily relocate to the Learning Center West building. The library is scheduled to move out of its normal quarters at the end of the summer term and to return by Spring 2015. He mentioned that the yearly 850,000 visits would not be possible given the reduction in space. The Reserved section will be maintained in the temporary location as will basic services. Hands on orientation will not be possible in Learning Center West but the library staff will do in class introductions to the library. In terms of what will be remodeled,

Swanner focused on a great increase in access to electrical power, ADA compliance, seismic upgrading, and better print capability.

**VII. GE Review – Progress Update:** The item was held over.

**VIII. Celebration Reception Funding Request – Newly Tenured, Retirees, and Scholarship Recipients:** After a brief introduction and description of the intended event it was MSCU(Dahlke/Leonard/Donahue) to approve up to \$300 for the event.

**IX. Resolution honoring John Vasconcellos:** Setziol presented the resolution from the officers and emphasized unique and very important contributions made by Vasconcellos. It was MSCU(Leonard/Hanna) to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution on first reading.

**X. Meeting recap:** - Bryant announced that SB 850 (pilot baccalaureates from community colleges) had passed out of the Senate Education Committee.

- An agenda item and discussion about future directions for the college's honors program will be on a near future agenda.
- Senators were advised to tell their constituents about the library remodel, its effects on the library holdings and services, and the temporary relocation to the Learning Center West building.

**XI. Good of the Order:** - The group was reminded about the annual Blood Drive Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Campus Center.

- The De Anza Nursing program completed its accreditation, passing with what was described as flying colors.
- Bryant had planned to voice welcome to new Senator Vernon Gallegos from Creative Arts but announced it instead because Gallegos had already left to teach a class.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:12**