

# **The De Anza Academic Senate**

## **Approved Notes from the Meeting of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Senators and Officers present:** Alexander, Anderson, Bryant, Clem, Cruz, Deck, Delas, Dolen, Donahue, Dunn, Hertler, Kragalott, Liu, Malek, Maynard, Mello Miskin, Ohtake, Pape, Schaffer, Sullivan, and Setziol

**Senators and Officers Absent** Capitolo, Langfelder, and Lewis,

**DASB: FA Liaison:**

**Classified Senate:** Lorna Maynard

**Curriculum Co Chair:** Ram Subramaniam

**Administrative Liaison:**

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

**Guests:** Marc Coronado, Karen Chow, Kristin Skager, Ben Kline, Carol Cini, , Roseanne Quinn, Wendy White, Anne Argyriou, Brian Murphy, Christina Espinosa-Pieb, Purba Fernandez, Mark Healy, Monica Espinoza, Jorge Morales, Kassie Phillips, David Howard-Pitney, and Jila Maleksalehi

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

**Before the meeting was called to order, Monica Espinoza, Jorge Morales, and Kassie Phillips were introduced as new student success team members. Monica, Jorge, and Kassie briefly described their roles. Cruz then asked the group to review the “Calling In Culture” cards that are put on the meeting room tables each meeting and asked for particular attention to them when controversial items or items about which there intense feelings. Cruz then asked for one word responses to this reading. It was suggested that Cruz inform guests present for particularly intense or controversial items to keep the calling in culture idea in mind.**

**The meeting was called to order at 2:32 a quorum being present.**

**I. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Notes:** The agenda was approved as distributed with the renumbering of agenda items. The notes of February 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved as distributed with corrections to the attendance portion.

**II. Needs and Confirmations:** - There were none.

**III. Committee Reports:** - Pape called the group’s attention to the February SLO Newsletter.

- Cruz reminded the group members of the upcoming Partners in Learning conference and suggested that people have the event on their calendars.

**VII. Academic Senate Election:** Cruz returned to the need to populate the annual ad hoc committee and briefly outlined the work and timeframe. Tom Dolen, Mary Sullivan, and Keith Mello volunteered to comprise the committee.

**IV. Proposed Resolution on Supporting Primary Reliance on Discipline Faculty for Assessment Pilots and Measures in Their Disciplines:** Cruz began the item sharing with the group her many different activities where she plays different roles and the fact that playing different roles has given her a particular perspective on the general topic and her basic philosophy of removing barriers for students. She also reminded the group that the item was a first reading. Karen Chow and Anne Argyriou then gave some initial background before introducing their resolution. The gist of their resolution was said to be to ask the Executive Committee and the officers to allow the English and Reading departments to have primacy in all aspects of developing pilot programs for placement into required courses in English and Reading. The officers revealed that they would present a slight rewording for the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**V. Cross Listing Resolution:** There were a number of guests in the room apparently for this particular item, many of whom were also present at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Cruz began the item by reading the points listed on the Calling in Culture cards for the benefit of the guests. Cruz then recognized Subramaniam who wanted to address questions on behalf of the Curriculum Committee. He said that the request to stop the elimination of cross listing had already been made and that changing curriculum forms to indicate that a course could possibly be cross listed was neither difficult nor time consuming. Cruz presented an amended version of the resolution on behalf of the officers which mostly spoke to the manner in which the goals of the resolution already being discussed could be addressed. The principal difference between the officers' proposal and those who spoke in opposition to it was the proposal to create a task force to study pertinent data and make recommendations about cross listing. Prominent in opposition to the officers proposal were statements that the simplicity of stating A) that the elimination of cross listing should stop, B) that faculty should have the opportunity to propose new or reinstating cross listings, and C) that a task force or some such study group could be formed after the clear statement from the faculty. The amendment failed. It was MSC (Sullivan/Pape and Donahue) to adopt the resolution introduced by Ben Kline with a friendly amendment to reword the following phrase as indicated - "and faculty who have been asked to un- cross list courses be given the opportunity to re-instate cross-listing through a method to be determined by ~~faculty~~ the **Academic Senate**". Christina Espinosa-Pieb spoke to her motivations behind her push to eliminate cross listing, recounted all the many aspects which had been considered and efforts made to get people to understand what was realistic and not realistic

given cross listing or the absence of it, and pledged to continue to listen to various perspectives.

**VI. Regular, Timely, and Effective Student Faculty Contact:** Pape presented guidelines and best practices statements and explained what she thought were the most important aspects of what she was proposing. **It was MSCU(Sullivan/Mello)** to adopt the guidelines and best practices statements.

**VIII. Academic Senate By-laws Revision:** The item was held over due to time constraints.

**IX. Good of the Order and Appreciations:** - The officers as well as the entire group were appreciated for the way the intense cross listing issue was handled.  
- Cruz appreciated all those who participated and the manner in which they participated.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.**