



MINUTES
DASB SENATE MEETING
Wednesday, April 20th, 2011
4:00 pm
Student Council Chambers

Call to Order

Leo Nguyen called the meeting to order at 4:22pm.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent	Late	Left Early	Excused
Natasha Asar	X				
Zara Aslam	X				
Mariam Azhar					X
Alison Chan					X
Ismail Desouki	X				
Melanie Dovan	X				
Brenden Fant					X
Amira Farah	X				
Ahmad Fayad		X			
Balaram Fedchenko	X				
Lena Ghamrawi			X5:29pm		
Edison Giang	X				
Anaruth Hernandez	X				
Thoa Hoang	X				
Denny Jeon	X				
Sana Kathuria	X				
Brenda Kristie	X				
Ze-Kun Li	X				
Cindy Luu	X				
Ali Masood	X				
Anmol Mirakhur					X
Leo Nguyen	X				
Arvind Ravichandran	X				
Nevin Sarina	X				
Meera Suresh			X4:24pm		
Syed Taha		X			
Neesha Tambe	X				

Guests: Vijay Veeramachaneni, Chen Xu, Kelli Melocik, Pablo Zamorano, Shaila Ramos, Nahui Quetzalcoatl, Anastasia Inez, William Utomo, Wai-Pak Yip, Tedros Berhane, Kevin Trinh, Vivian Nguyen, Nelson Chuang, Ravi Joshi, Saurav Agrawal, Kurt Pham, Matt Diaz, Christine Yu

Approval of Minutes

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Ali Masood moved to amend that he came in late at 4:10pm.

Denny Jeon seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to amend that Ali Masood came in late at 4:10pm passed.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Nevin Sarina seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed.

Public Announcements

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- Ernest announced that they are pre selling tickets for the Benefit Concert now, and asked everyone to please talk to Amira Farah if they want to help selling the tickets.
- John Cогnetta reminded everyone to talk to Student Accounts regarding the tickets for the Benefit Concert.

Senate Announcements

- Melanie Dovan announced that everyone should please keep their phones, homework and other things out of their hands during the Senate Meetings, because it is rude and distracting.
- Anaruth Hernandez announced that all Senators are needed for the Campus Cleanup to be there from 11:30 to 1:30 on Friday. She asked them to either help clean up or participate in the activities, and announced that they need more people for the Senate Team, to show the commitment of the Senate. She also passed around a signup sheet.
- Natasha Asar announced that the Campus Camp Wellstone is this Friday and Saturday, and in case someone is still interested in signing up she passed around an information sheet.
- Sana Kathuria thanked everyone who came to Student Forum and Service Day.
- Ismail Desouki announced that the Campus Cupboard was officially opened for applications, that they are campaigning now, and that the application deadline is at the end of next week. Flyers can be found in the Senate Office.

Internal Reports

- Zara Aslam from the Diversity and Events Committee reported that the Student Service Day was a success, but that the Student Forum Day was not. The Benefit Concert will be on Thursday, May 12th, from 6 to 9 pm, and RJ from Supreme Soul will perform with his group called Muthafunkers. The VPAC is mostly booked, and the Committee was

brainstorming on ideas for a “grand prize”, but nothing was confirmed though. They want Orit to publicize the event to her Middle College, and La Donna is going to fax over a letter to Group USA for the dresses for the Fashion Show. The tabling is starting April 28th, and there will be a three-day launch party. The Campus Cleanup will be on April 22nd, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The “Get to know your team” portion will include dividing everyone into teams, being informed about the rules, and decorating the teams up. The picking up the trash portion is following, and there will be designated areas to drop the trash off, which are drawn in chalk. Lunch will be provided and the teams will be acknowledges “Most sexiest”, “Most funniest”, and “Most spirited” with silly prizes and a “grand prize” for the first place winners. Zara acknowledged Mariam Azhar for working incredibly hard on everything and doing an amazing job transitioning into Chair. She also acknowledged Sana Kathuria for planning the Student Services Day twice, and Amira Farah for planning the Benefit Concert and getting the VPAC. She also thanked Lena Ghamrawi for continuing to help out with all the events, even though she left the Committee. In the future, the Committee will be hosting the Meet your Candidates Day, which will be held during Campaign week on May 4th, the Jaya Row Speaker Event on May 16th from 6 to 8pm, where Jaya Row will give a speech about Indian Philosophy. They will invite students, classes, and faculty and there will be finger food provided. The Inaugural Dinner will be on June 1st, and they will present a slideshow with pictures from throughout the year, and speeches and awards. The Committee needs assistance with manpower, since they need a lot of help during the events, making them more effective and less stressful. The Committee is meeting Mondays at 3:30pm in the Student Council Chambers.

- Natasha Asar from the Student Rights and Services Committee reported that the discounts are done, the business cards are made and the whole program is almost finalized. The scholarships are also done, and after some last changes they will be posted online. The Campus Cupboard is still in progress, and the Student Forum and Service Day was a success. She acknowledges Monica Carrillo for contacting all the businesses on the day assigned for the Student Service Day. In the future, the Committee wants to start marketing for the scholarships, get the business cards, and move some focus onto the Rights aspect of the Committee. They need assistance with marketing everything and they are meeting Fridays at 11:30am.
- Ali Masood from the Administration Committee reported that the Committee was meeting this week from 8 to 9am in the Student Council Chambers, but only 2 people were on time, 2 people were late, and one was absent. Regarding the Judicial Board Recruitment, Ali Masood e-mailed Alondra, but failed to contact Ryan or Neil. He will e-mail Neil today and talk to Ryan too. Ahmad Fayad found out that Shookry and Leela would like to joining the Judicial Board, but they need applications. Regarding the Amendments, Ali Masoo already submitted the Elections Code to Dennis Shannakian, and Ahmad Fayad is taking on the suggestion changes for the Finance Code. Ahmad Fayad found that the Judicial Board needs some work, including edits to the Executive and Senate Bylaws. Kimberley Nguyen worked on the ES Committee suggestions and it already got approved, but for the Junior Senator amendment there is more work needed, so they are meeting on Thursday. Kimberley also showed outstanding effort by making two amendments, even though one was not assigned to her until this week. In the future, the Committee wants to go over the Judicial Board, Junior Senator, Finance and

Marketing Amendments next week, and they want to develop a Cleanup System. The amendments will be on the Senate floor next week. They need assistance with recruiting people for the Judicial Board.

- Leo Nguyen from the Finance Committee reported that they finished the cover letter and cover design of the Budget Book, and sent the Finance Code to the Administration Committee. They approved the requests for the DASB Budget and Balaram is trying to find unused money from programs to transfer it back to Special Allocations. The Committee also recommends the Senate to fund \$1,200 for the Honors Program to get student helpers until the end of this academic year. The CCP Council is showing improvements, and Pablo Zamorano will join CCP to experience the program in person. Regarding the DASB poster, the Committee contacted Cindy Luu to do the design and the programs at the Student Service Day. Pablo Zamorano showed outstanding effort by getting involved with the Honors and CCP Council. In the future, the Committee will be trying to find unused money from programs on campus to transfer it back to DASB Special Allocations. The Committee needs assistance with designing from the Marketing Committee, and they are meeting Mondays at 4pm in the Santa Cruz Room.
- Thoa Hoang from the Marketing Committee reported that the Bike Program brochures have been ordered, as well as the wristbands for the Benefit Concert. Cindy Luu is editing the DASB Student Discount business cards, and the DASB page on the De Anza website has been upgraded and is ready to be launched any minute now. They also ordered more DASB polos for the new Senators. She acknowledged Taha Syed for his amazing work with the website, and in the future the Committee will order the Bike Program flyers, finish ordering promotional items, and help promoting the elections. They need assistance with writing the monthly newsletter, and they are meeting Fridays from 2:30 to 4:30pm in Meeting Room 2.
- Anaruth Hernandez from the Environmental Sustainability Committee reported that regarding the eco-pass, part time and full time students will be eligible for \$3 a quarter instead of \$1,500. During campaigning the Senate should raise awareness about the eco-pass and strongly promote it. Also, the Campus Cleanup event will be this Friday, and so far only some people committed to be in the DASB team, but she is hoping that more will sign up soon.
- Neesha Tambe from the Elections Committee reported that they had the Mandatory Candidates Meeting today, and that the Committee is meeting Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30am. In the future they want to do marketing for their meetings and keep up with eventual complaints. She appreciated Ali Masood, Leo Nguyen, Wayne Spalding, and Ahmad Fayad who helped and worked really hard.

External Reports

- Nevin Sarina reported that SSCCC had meeting on the weekend. They talked about several assembly bills that state that certain community college students will have to pay international tuition if they meet certain criteria, for example having over 60 semester units. With that, the enrollment could go down because people cannot afford it the tuition anymore. The region 4, which consists of 15 colleges in this area, will have leadership training for incoming Student Body Executive Officers about the Parliamentary Procedure how to run a meeting.

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- Thoa Hoang reported for Taha Syed that ICC will change the term “Chair” to “Officers”, and that the Election Committee member has to be decided yet. ICC will be hosting a dance in June.
- Amira Farah reported that the IPBT heard about rumors about the budget cuts and that faculty has already been fired, but the staff has not been cut yet. The IPBT needs the students’ opinions, so come to the next meeting on Tuesday in ADM109 at 4pm.

Consent Calendar

Business

1. INFORMATION

Title: March 2011 Checks \$500 and over

This item is to present the list of checks that were processed by Student Accounts in the month of March 2011 that were \$500 or greater.

Presenter: Lisa Kirk

Time Limit: 5 minutes

Leo Nguyen presented the item.

2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Endorsement of the 21st Century Educational Summit on May 14th, 2011

This item is to endorse the 21st Century Educational Summit on May 14th, 2011.

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.

Time limit was reached.

The motion to endorse the 21st Century Educational Summit on May 14th, 2011 passed with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes.

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Spring 2011 Retreat

This item is to come to a consensus on the date of, inform the Senate about, and to make mandatory the Spring 2011 Retreat.

Presenter: Retreat Committee

Time Limit: 20 minutes

The Retreat Committee presented the item.

Neesha Tambe moved to make mandatory the DASB Spring Retreat on Saturday, May 7th, 2011, from 4pm to 9pm.

Ismail Desouki seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Anaruth Hernandez moved to end discussion.

Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.

No objections.

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The motion to make mandatory the DASB Spring Retreat on Saturday, May 7th, 2011, from 4pm to 9pm passed with 17 yes and 0 no votes.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION – SECOND VOTE

Title: Elections Code

This item is for the DASB Senate to approve the Elections Code.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 20 minutes

Neesha Tambe moved to put the next item above this one.

Zara Aslam seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to put the next item above this one passed by consensus.

Ali Masood presented the item.

Nevin Sarina moved to approve the Elections Code.

Anaruth Hernandez seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Melanie Dovan moved to end discussion.

Amira Farah seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the Elections Code passed with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Elections Conduct Information

This item is to inform the Senate of Elections Conduct regulations made by the Elections Committee.

Presenter: Neesha Tambe

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Neesha Tambe presented the item.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: De Anza College Budget Discussion and DASB recommendations

This item is to discuss the effects of the new budget to De Anza College and to give DASB recommendations for action to the College.

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 30 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.

Discussion occurred.

- Amira Farah reported that the SSPBT talked about rumors going around on campus, and that a faculty member was told that their job was cut even though it was not. The SSPBT wanted to announce that nothing has been cut yet, but that they are sure that the fee increase for next year will be up to \$22 per unit.

- Nevin Sarina reported that the IPBT is trying to implement policies to reduce the number of part time students next year to get more full time students. They also will start pushing back students with too many units so that their prior registration will go back to “entry student”.
Leo Nguyen reported that the College Council Budget Team discussed about the budget for the College next year. Some of the main points of the discussions were: Lower than expected enrollment, targeted effort to make up FTES (fulltime equivalent students) in the next quarters, the State is giving us a workload, the Reduction Board has asked us to present a worst-case scenario at June 6th, 2011 meeting, and there will be a change in our full time faculty obligation (FON) number for 2011-12. The likely 10% to 20% workload reduction will lower ours by the same percentage, which translates to between approximately 47 and 94 fewer full time positions required to meet the regulation 50% law where fifty percent of all Unrestricted General Fund (Fund 14) expenses must be spent on direct teaching expenses. There will be \$20 million cut in workload reductions, and \$10 million in FTES. The total reduction for the district is \$30 million, of which De Anza’s portion is 50% or \$15 million. The student fees will be raised but these dollars will not come to the district. Each division will continue to work in their PBTs to discuss their portion of the reductions. They will be discussing how to allocate the scarce resources within their areas. The Instructional Division is working to evaluate options for increasing enrollment but keeping down costs.
- Ze-Kun Li reported that Robert Stockwell told him that the Administration is asking him to cut \$1,2 million from the Social Sciences Department, which means that 10 to 15 sections are being cut. Mostly, the part time faculty will be cut, and students will not get their classes, so there will be more people who have to stay at College for 3 years. Even if they have prior registration, there is sometimes only one class offered, which impacts the students’ schedules a lot.
- Ismail Desouki reported that the Classified Senate said that the College is trying to cut whole programs now instead of some classes in each section. Main targets will be the Nursing Program and Financial Aid, because statistically, there is no high demand.
- Nevin Sarina reported that the Classified Senate was getting hurt the most throughout the past years, even though these are the people who run the programs on campus.
- Meera Suresh reported that programs will not eliminated but cut.

Sana Kathuria moved to extend time by 10 minutes.

Amira Farah seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to extend time by 20 minutes passed by consensus.

Discussion continued.

Ze-Kun Li moved to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss the budget cut and organize students to advocate for the programs.

Edison Giang seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Arvind Ravichandran moved to extend time by 20 minutes.

Brenda Kristie seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to extend time by 20 minutes passed by consensus.

Discussion on Ad-Hoc Committee continued.

Ze-Kun Li nominated Ali Masood to be the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Ali Masood accepted the nomination.

No objections.

The motion to approve Ali Masood to be the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee passed by consensus.

Discussion on goals and tasks of the Ad-Hoc Committee occurred.

Neesha Tambe moved to end discussion.

Nevin Sarina seconded the motion.

The motion to form an Ad-Hoc Committee passed with 18 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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Senate Announcements

- Ali Masood apologized for being rude earlier, when he questioned if we are not calling people in order anymore.
- Neesha Tambe apologized for bringing her issues into the meeting, and showing attitude towards the people who are running for next year's Senate, but she has to be impartial.
- Arvind Ravichandran apologized for not giving 100% for the Student Forum and announced that everyone could have done better regarding outreach to the faculty. They also did not communicate with the classes well enough so they did not show up on time, but the event was a good learning experience.
- Ze-Kun Li announced that he talked to Neesha Tambe about who else could help getting stuff done, and while looking through the contact sheet they noticed that everyone is full. Therefore, he asked the people running for next year's Senate to help out as well. Also, he wants to organize a Softball or any other game event with the faculty and administrators in late May or early June. Through that he wants to incorporate the incoming and outgoing Senators, and he asked around who wants to help with that from the new senate. He announced that he is organizing a presentation for the new students on Parent Open House, since last year the DASB was not represented that well. With that presentation he aims to make more students aware so that the next years' students have more interest in the DASB. He also reported that he is having a meeting with Zimride tomorrow about signing a contract with De Anza. Foothill started the program last quarter, and already reduced close to 1 million tons of CO₂, since they have over 1000 students using it. He asked everyone to join him tomorrow at 1:30pm in the Student Council Chambers.

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- Neesha Tambe recognized Kevin Trinh for stepping up at the Academic Senate, because everyone else could not make it.
- Ali Masood asked if anyone took notes on the new External Committee persons.
- Nevin Sarina announced that he thinks everyone should help out at next week's DARE meeting on Monday from 6pm to 7:30pm at Coffee Society. DARE will also offer leadership and other workshops during the Spring quarter.

Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators

Saurav Agrawal 7th meeting
Tedros Berhane
Chen Xu
Pablo Zamorano
Shaila Ramos
Nahui Quetzalcoatl
Anastasia Inez
William Utomo
Wai-Pak Yip
Kevin Trinh
Vivian Nguyen
Nelson Chuang
Kurt Pham
Matt Diaz
Christine Yu

Star of the Week

Meera Suresh, Natasha Asar

Meera Suresh presented the item.

Adjournment

Leo Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Submitted by,

Sara Nierle
DASB Secretary
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