



# De Anza Academic Senate

## “Message from the President”

Welcome to Fall quarter! I must begin by thanking and acknowledging District Academic Senate President Mayra Cruz, DA Senate Vice-President Jim Nguyen, DA Senate Treasurer-Secretary Alicia De Toro, and outgoing DA Senate Treasurer-Secretary Paul Setziol for helping to make my transition to the Senate President role (which I last occupied from 2011-2013) as seamless as possible. I am also appreciative of the time I've spent with a number of faculty, staff, administrators, and students this summer—there are too many names to list, but know that whether you stopped to chat with me for five minutes or helped with scheduling or resolving an issue, or met with me for 30 minutes or more, I do thank you.

At this time of considerable political, societal, and environmental turmoil, the Senate can empower faculty by encouraging opportunities for “time to bond and share with colleagues and students some renewed approaches to learning, teaching, and social justice that will ground the path toward further intersectional alliance and progress,” as English department chair Roseanne Quinn stated recently. **An easy thing you can do in your first days of classes is to announce to your classes your awareness that the October 5 deadline for DACA permit holders to renew their DACA status is quickly approaching, and to show the De Anza “Resources For Undocumented Students” website <http://www.deanza.edu/students/undoc-students.html> which has a link to apply for a scholarship to pay the \$495.00 application fee required by the Department of Homeland Security.**

I would also like to work together with faculty to activate a Senate committee who will help brainstorm ideas to encourage greater understanding of issues impacting our diverse groups and communities, and build intersectional alliances. **Please contact me if you are interested.**

Academic Senate and Office of Instruction are also partnering to further assist faculty research academically appropriate OER (Open Educational Resources) course content that would be zero/low-cost for students and help lower one barrier, which is high textbook costs, to student enrollment and success. Thanks to Shagundeeep Kaur (Speech), who served as our first OER Faculty Coordinator this past Spring, and helped set up a prestigious OER campus partnership with OpenStax. She created a **new OER Resource website: [deanza.edu/academic-services/oer/](http://deanza.edu/academic-services/oer/)**. Please check it out! We look forward to working with new OER Faculty Coordinator/s who will hopefully be named soon.

Here are some state legislative mandates that we worked on ensuring campus compliance with this summer:

AP/GE Exams: As of this fall, state legislation requires that all students who have a score of 3 or higher on any AP exam will be awarded General Education credit in specified GE areas. Academic Senate is informing departments and collecting feedback from them on updates to the GE courses and credits awarded for AP exam scores of 3 or higher.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT): We are continuing to update newly approved degrees (Congratulations, Economics and Anthropology!) and check in with departments about submitting new degrees for approval.

Finally, I wish to share that my family had to put our 14-year old beloved dog, Desi, to sleep. Desi came to us 11 years ago when De Anza faculty Julie Sartwell connected me with his previous owner, who was looking for a new home for him.

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## Jim Nguyen, Academic Senate Vice President

Greetings and welcome back to a new academic year! I hope you have had a wonderful summer, whether you were teaching, working on projects or enjoying the time off. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Senate officers this year, Karen Chow (President, English) and Alicia De Toro (Secretary/Treasurer, Environmental Studies/Science). I am looking forward to working with them and think we will make a very strong team this coming year.

I am now in my second year as Vice President of Senate and Co-Chair of the Instructional Planning and Budget Team (IPBT). By now, you have probably read Chancellor Miner's message about our current and near-term budget situation and the budget cuts we will undergo over the next three years due to the enrollment declines we have seen over the past several years. It was just a few years ago we were in a similar situation to the one we find ourselves in now.

Two things stand out to me as being vitally important as we move through the next three years where we will be making budget cuts and facing likely falling/flattening enrollments: the importance of collaboration and keeping student success at the forefront of our work.

Let's face it, De Anza is a large institution where it is easy to mainly focus on the area in which we primarily "live". Our current challenges call on us to think more broadly about how we are moving forward as a college and district as a whole. How are our individual programs and departments situated in the bigger picture? What are our programmatic strengths and weaknesses, and where are the opportunities to meet our students' needs? I think now is a great time to think strategically about where we have been, where we are now, and what we could be in the future.

I have been engaged with the IPBT and a sub-group of that team, the Enrollment Advisory Team (or "EAT") over the last year exploring ways in which we can grow our enrollments. We've discussed and explored marketing, high school outreach, and scheduling among other strategies and I invite your input and experiences as we continue to seek ways to stabilize our enrollment this coming year. Please email me at (408)864-5551 or email [nguyenjames@fhda.edu](mailto:nguyenjames@fhda.edu) with your ideas and suggestions.

For example, we are fortunate that the state is investing in Career Education in community colleges through Strong Workforce Initiative funding, so we see this as a potential growth area for the college.

We are continuously being challenged as instructors, and it feels like we are doing more with fewer resources. (Continues on back page)

## "Message..."cont.

Thus, Desi's passing is a reminder to me that the heart of our faculty Senate is our personal connections, and those personal connections to each other, to our students, and to our campuswide staff and administrator colleagues are most strongly driven when our academic work is led with our hearts in combination with our intellect, and not intellect alone.

Remember, Senate is not just the Executive Committee of Division Reps/Senators who meet weekly on Mondays 2:30-4:30 in ADM 109 to conduct Senate business; the Senate is ALL faculty. Everyone is welcome to our meetings, and I certainly welcome you to drop by the Senate office to say hello or talk about any questions/concerns. Of course, you may also reach me through email ([chowkaren@fhda.edu](mailto:chowkaren@fhda.edu)), and any of the Senate officers (Jim, Alicia, and I) at (408) 864-8358.

~Karen Chow, Academic Senate President

## Alicia De Toro, Academic Senate Executive Secretary & Treasurer

I am excited to return to campus after a yearlong professional development leave. During my time away I worked diligently towards the completion of my doctorate of education in organization and leadership at the University of San Francisco and am excited to be defending in December. In my studies I have been able to spend time exploring education, organization, and leadership from a practitioner perspective, which I believe will contribute to my work at De Anza.

As your elected representative on academic senate I will do my best to contribute to dialogue in senate conversations while providing assistance to the president and vice president. Together, we as your academic senate leadership work as a team to achieve common goals. As with Karen and Jim, I encourage all of you to reach out, or drop by to say hello.

# What's new in Curriculum Committee?



Erik Woodbury, Chair

I am excited to begin my tenure as Curriculum Committee Co-Chair. I have served on the Curriculum Committee since the Fall of 2013 as a representative of the PSME division from the Chemistry Department where I teach General and Organic Chemistry. I have taken on various leadership roles on campus, including Chemistry Department Coordinator and IPBT committee member, believing that we can only maintain the excellence of De Anza College by staying involved in the process and building relationships across campus. Outside of work, I enjoy camping, dancing and playing Destiny 2. I am thrilled that my students have finally stopped asking me about Breaking Bad.



Toño Ramirez, Vice Chair

I've recently completed my 10th year as a full-time Philosophy Instructor, and am very proud to be a member of the campus community. I've greatly enjoyed getting to know many of the people who make our institution work via my role as SLO Coordinator, and am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair for the Curriculum Committee this year. I've found that involvement in campus leadership has enriched my experience as a teacher and colleague, and look forward to creating new relationships and ideas in my new role.

When I'm not wearing my many hats at De Anza, I enjoy time with my family, and amuse myself by playing punk rock music for toddlers at events around the South Bay Area ([www.thebinkees.com](http://www.thebinkees.com)).

<http://dilbert.fhda.edu/curriculum/>

## Curriculum Dates to remember:

- **November 21, 2017:**  
Work Session
- **March 21, 2018:**  
New Course Requests Due
- **April 17, 2018:**  
Work Session
- **April 18, 2018:**  
Course Changes in ECMS Due
- **April 24, 2018:**  
Work Session
- **April 25, 2018:**  
Sigs obtained
- **May 2, 2018:**  
All Courses & Certs and Degrees Due

## IPBT seeks 2 faculty-voting members!!

Instructional Planning and Budget Team has two voting faculty openings, and they are two-year positions (2017-2019). The main focus of this committee is to forward budget and planning recommendations to the College Council in the areas listed to the right. The IPBT meets weekly on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm in Admin 109. For more information, please see our website at <http://www.deanza.edu/gov/IPBT/>.

Faculty serving on IPBT must be full-time faculty and service is eligible for Special Service toward a PAA **If you are interested in running, please submit a statement of interest (500 words or less) to Jim Nguyen by Thursday, September 28th.** The Academic Senate at its meeting of Monday, October 2nd (2:30 - 4:30 in Admin 109) will consider the statements of interest and vote for the vacant positions at that time.

- Program mix and objectives.
- Program initiation, expansion, consolidation and discontinuance.
- Full-time faculty positions.
- Instructional equipment funding
- Lottery Funding
- Enrollment Management
- Facilities utilization
- Significant budgetary augmentation or reduction.
- CTE/Strong Workforce Initiative



# On the Move: Career & Technical Education Institutional Advancement at De Anza

~ Mayra Cruz, Randy Bryant and Bill Roeder

The game is changing for California community colleges with California's Strong Workforce program. The goals are to provide well trained and highly skilled employees, create relevant career pathways and stackable credentials, promote student success and place Californians into high demand, living wage careers.

<http://doingwhatmatters.cccco.edu/Overview.aspx>



The top 10 sectors the State is prioritizing are:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Clean Energy & Transportation Initiative
- Agriculture, Water & Environmental Technologies
- Energy, Construction & Utilities
- Global Trade & Logistics
- Health
- Information & Communication Technologies (ICT)/Digital Media
- Life Sciences/Biotech
- Retail/Hospitality/Tourism 'Learn and Earn'
- Small Business

At De Anza, we have begun the discussions to envision the future and growth potential of our career and technical education programs. We are in a moment of tremendous opportunity. In Spring of 2016, the Academic Senate leadership held sessions with faculty and department leads. The group agreed to develop a collaborative plan to advance career and technical education at De Anza College. Before the end of the quarter, a visioning session was held, and most recently a planning session to guide CTE at De Anza over the next 3 years. The draft plan will be shared with program faculty and other stakeholders for feedback and finalization soon. Stay tuned!

For more information contact Mayra Cruz, Randy Bryant or Bill Roeder.

## "Jim" cont.

As long as we keep students and their success at the center of our efforts, I'm confident we as a college will remain on the right track.

I'd like to thank you, our faculty, for doing those things that support our student success, whether it be contacting a student who stopped showing up to class, or who failed an exam. Or being flexible to allowing make up exams or otherwise trying to accommodate our students and helping them persist towards their educational goals. It might not sound like much, but those things make a huge difference for our students.

I do hope to meet more of you this academic year and I wish you all an amazing Fall quarter!

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## Congratulations!

Brian Malone  
winner of the book  
light raffle!

