



**MINUTES**  
**DASB SENATE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**3:30 pm**  
**Student Council Chambers**

**Call to Order**

Mariam Azhar called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

**Roll Call**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>	<b>Left Early</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Natasha Asar	X				
Zara Aslam	X				
Mariam Azhar	X				
Alison Chan			X3:40		
Ismail Desouki					X
Melanie Dovan	X				
Brenden Fant	X				
Amira Farah	X				
Ahmad Fayad	X				
Lena Ghamrawi	X				
Edison Giang	X				
Anaruth Hernandez		X			
Thoa Hoang			X4:23		
Denny Jeon		X			
Sana Kathuria	X				
Brenda Kristie	X				
Ze-Kun Li	X				
Cindy Luu	X				
Ali Masood	X				
Anmol Mirakhur	X			X6:31	
Leo Nguyen	X				
Arvind Ravichandran	X				
Nevin Sarina			X3:35		
Meera Suresh	X				
Syed Taha			X3:36		
Neesha Tambe	X				
Tevita Tapavalu		X			

**Guests:** Vivian Nguyen, Balaram Fedchenko, Ravi Joshi, Navya Bekapally, Pablo Zamorano, Adam Manzano, Matt Diaz, Kurt Pham, Dickson Ho, Kevin Trinh, William Utomo, Joshine Briane, Wayne Spalding, Kenny Perng

### **Approval of Minutes**

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Leo Nguyen moved to approve the minutes.

Brenda Kristie seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the minutes passed by consensus.

### **Public Announcements**

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- Dora Ventura announced that the old ICC officers would like to thank everyone for their hard working dedication, and for everything the DASB did for ICC by bringing a cupcake cake. She enjoyed working with the DASB and introduced Matt Diaz as the new Chair of Programs, Kurt Pham as the new Chair of Marketing, and Dickson Ho as the new Chair of Finance. She also thanked Thomasina Russaw, Ze-Kun Li, Gloria Cheung, Edison Giang, and Lena Ghamrawi for their close relationship with ICC.
- Ladonna Yumori-Kaku announced that ICC had said fair well to their current officers and hello to the new ones, and that everyone hopefully enjoy the cup cakes.
- Ahmad Fayad announced that after the meeting today Amira Farah and him are going to do the challenge at Smoke Eaters, and that everyone should come.
- Neesha Tambe announced that Marlo Custodio created a very moving and touching tribute video for DeAnza College including students, faculty, and staff and that he wants to show it to the Senate after the meeting.
- LaDonna Yumori-Kaku announced that there will be 4 New Student Orientation classes this Friday and asked everyone who can help out at 1:15 or 1:30pm to let her know.

### **Senate Announcements**

- Ahmad Fayad announced that most of the Committees did a good job keeping their minutes and agendas posted, only the Marketing Committee, the Student Rights and Services Committee and the Executive Committee need to catch up.
- Thomasina Russaw congratulated everyone on finishing their Winter term, and announced that it was a hard and exhausting quarter, but now everyone should relax over spring break, and have a new start afterwards.
- Amira Farah announced that they are still tabling this week, and that the DASB needs to step up and table from 10:30am to 6pm tomorrow.
- Nevin Sarina thanked everyone for helping out with the classroom presentations for the March in March.

### **Internal Reports**

- Lena Ghamrawi from the Diversity and Events Committee reported that they talked about possible code changes to present them to the Senate in Spring and that they signed up for March 14<sup>th</sup> tabling. Now they want to focus on Spring events, the Buddy System, code

changes, and leadership.

- Meera Suresh from the Marketing Committee reported that they talked about the Benefit Concert and how to market it. Since there are more events coming up, such as the Student Service Day and the Student Forum, they are trying to gather everything together and have a launch party to inform everyone about the upcoming events.
- Ali Masood from the Administration Committee thanked Ahmad Fayad for making the agenda and chairing the last meeting. He reported that Brenden had been approved as the Office Policy Director, and that they went over some projects like the Judicial Board, for which they need more applications than the four that they got so far. Brenden is working on the Office Cleanup and on implementing a system that each Committee has to clean different parts of office. They also talked about the Field Hours admission.
- Leo Nguyen from Finance Committee reported that they finalized the Budget Stipulations, and that they had a really short meeting thanks to Arvind, who chaired the last meeting. The Budget Stipulations are up for approval in the Senate meeting today, and the first CCP Council meeting will be tomorrow at 1:30pm. The Finance Committee also received new budget requests from some athletics divisions, but since there are no more finance meetings this quarter, they will be discussed next quarter.
- Natasha Asar from the student rights and Services Committee reported that they had a scholarships meeting last Friday, and thanked everyone who came to it. In the meeting, they came up with the whole application, and now they just need to come up with the two essay questions. They have the last Committee meeting this Friday to finish everything, and 17 discounts came in and got signed, and even though two more are pending the discounts are basically done.
- Melanie Dovan from the Environmental Sustainability Committee reported that people sent in their proposals for each subcommittee regarding prospective events or programs, and that they all turned the proposals in on time. They chose 3 big events; the eco-pass, the bike program, and the Campus Cleanup. The bike program will be launched on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and for the Campus Cleanup they want better labeling on recycling and trash, and the cleanup is supposed to happen quarterly.
- Anmol Mirakhur added that they also want to work with the faculty to educate the students about composting and recycling, and that they want to buy a compost bin. They also want to label bins better. He also reported that 9 bikes are already on campus, but they need to cover them against the rain.

### **External Reports**

- Nevin Sarina reported that SSCCC met on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and that they elected their new chair Kevin Feliciano. They also will be having an Assembly on April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and who wants to attend it should talk to John Cognition. IN May, our region will have a retreat for new Student Government Presidents and Executives to talk about the Student Government with people that will be elected next year. They also noticed that some schools cannot go to the March in March because do not have money for buses. SSCCC also wants to do a Higher Education Advocacy in April, and a Hands Across California event, where people lock hands to connect all Community Colleges throughout the state.
- Meera Suresh reported that IPBT went over what De Anza's core values are and what criteria they are using in order to evaluate each program and department. There were

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three questions that are: 1. What do we want to commit to in the long term? 2. How much can we reduce and still be effective? 3. What does the State want us to commit to? They realized that these questions are a bit vague and broad and further detailed questions are necessary. Other than establishing and analyzing the criteria for the program review, they developed a timeline of events and due dates for their annual program review. Today at 3:45pm, a few students as well as the Administration Committee and faculty will be discussing what DeAnza should focus on and what their core values are.

- Ahmad Fayad announced that the current ICC Chairs stepped down today and that the new Chairs moved into the office.

## **Consent Calendar**

### **Business**

#### 1. INFORMATION

Title: February 2011 Checks \$500 and over

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

Presenter: Lisa Kirk

Time Limit: 5 minutes

Lisa Kirk presented the item.

Discussion occurred.

#### 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION – SECOND VOTE

Title: Bylaw Amendments

*This item is to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Junior Senator Duties.*

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

Ahmad Fayad moved to table this item until after item #3.

Neesha Tambe seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to table this item until after item #3 passed by consensus.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Junior Senator Duties.

Leo Nguyen seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Zara Aslam moved to extend time by 10 minutes.

Sana Kathuria seconded.

Objections.

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The motion to extend time failed with 6 yes votes to 10 no votes.

The motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Junior Senator Duties passed with 13 yes votes and 3 no votes.

### 3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Title: Field Hours

*This item is to have a discussion on the definition of "Field Hours".*

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 30 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.

Ahmad Fayad co-presented the item.

Discussion occurred.

Ze-Kun Li introduced a proposal for a new definition of field hours.

Discussion occurred.

Ahmad Fayad moved to refer the item back to the Administration Committee.

Brenden Fant seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to refer the item back to the Administration Committee passed with 13 yes votes and 6 no votes.

Meera Suresh moved to extend by 10 minutes.

Leo Nguyen seconded the motion.

No objections.

Motion passed.

Discussion on the definition of "Field Hours" continued.

Neesha Tambe suggested an advisory vote on the Administration Committee's definition of "Field Hours" to determine the items that have a two-thirds majority.

- The Active Attendance item passed with 17 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- The Attending DeAnza Events Only item failed with 3 yes votes to 13 no votes.
- The Meeting with Faculty item passed with 17 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Neesha Tambe moved to extend time by 5 minutes.

Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to extend time by 5 minutes passed with 12 yes votes and 3 no votes.

- The Classroom/Club Presentations item passed with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- The Community Outreach item passed with 17 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- The No Club Meetings Without Participation item passed with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- The Sub-committee Work item passed with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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- The No Administrative/Sub-committee Planning item failed with 8 yes votes to 5 no votes.
- The Attending Club Meetings Actively item passed with 13 yes votes and 1 no votes.

Neesha Tambe moved to extend time by 10 minutes.

Zara Aslam seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to extend time by 10 minutes passed with 12 yes votes to 5 no votes.

- The No Outside DASB Office item failed with 6 yes votes to 5 no votes.
- The Allowing Chairs and Vice Chairs to Consider 1 hour of their Sub- or Committee Work as a Field Hour item failed with 8 yes votes and 9 no votes.
- The Allowing Every Senator to Consider 1 hour of their Sub- or Committee Work as a Field Hour passed with 17 yes votes and 5 no votes.

#### 4. DISCUSSION/ACTION – FIRST VOTE

Title: Bylaw Amendments

*This item is to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Office Hours and Field Hours.*

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

Discussion occurred.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Office Hours and Field Hours, Option 2.

Thoa Hoang seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Ali Masood requested to split the item.

The request to split the item passed.

Discussion on Part I – General Office Hour Amendment occurred.

Ali Masood moved to extend time by 5 minutes.

Thoa Hoang seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to extend time passed with 9 yes votes to 5 no votes.

Discussion on Part I – General Office Hour Amendment continued.

Ze-Kun Li moved to table the item.

Arvind Ravichandran seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to table the item passed by consensus.

Mariam Azhar pulled the item from the table.

Discussion on Part I – General Office Hour Amendment continued.

Leo Nguyen moved to end discussion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the General Office Hour Amendment, Option 2, passed with 17 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Discussion on Part II – Senate Bylaws Article II occurred.

Ze-Kun Li moved to amend to strike part II and add “maintain a minimum of 4 field and senate hours, of which at least 2 must be senate hours and at least 1 must be a field hour, and 2 office hours, making it 6 mandatory hours.”

Edison Giang seconded the motion.

Neesha Tambe moved to refer Part II of the item back to the Administration Committee.

Brenda Kristie seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to refer Part II of the item back to the Administration Committee passed with 15 yes votes and 4 no votes.

Ali Masood moved to have a recess for 5 minutes.

Meera Suresh seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to have a recess for 5 minutes passed by consensus.

Mariam Azhar called the meeting back to order at 5:32pm

Role call:

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>	<b>Left Early</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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				
Lena Ghamrawi	X				
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	X				
Syed Taha	X				
Neesha Tambe	X				
Tevita Tapavalu		X			

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION – FIRST VOTE

Title: Elections Code

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

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 20 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

Leo Nguyen moved to approve the Elections Code, striking 70% and replacing it with 60%.

Neesha Tambe seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Leo Nguyen moved to end discussion.

Neesha Tambe seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the Elections Code, striking 70% and replacing it with 60% passed with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: 2011-2012 Budget Stipulations

*This item is to approve the 2011-2012 Budget Stipulations.*

Presenter: Leo Nguyen

Time Limit: 60 minutes

Leo Nguyen presented the item.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve the 2011-2012 Budget Stipulations.

Arvind Ravichandran seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Nevin Sarina moved to strike “feasible” and to change it to “cost-effective” for all 3 items stating “feasible”.

Melanie Dovan seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to strike “feasible” and to change it to “cost-effective” for all 3 items stating “feasible” passed by consensus.

Discussion continued.

Neesha Tambe moved to end discussion.

Arvind Ravichandran seconded the motion.

No objections.

Vote to approve the 2011-2012 Budget Stipulations:

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Natasha Asar			
Zara Aslam	X		
Mariam Azhar			
Alison Chan	X		
Ismail Desouki			
Melanie Dovan	X		
Brenden Fant	X		
Amira Farah	X		
Ahmad Fayad	X		
Lena Ghamrawi	X		
Edison Giang	X		
Anaruth Hernandez			
Thoa Hoang			
Denny Jeon			
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	X		
Syed Taha	X		
Neesha Tambe	X		
Tevita Tapavalu			

The motion to approve the 2011-2012 Budget Stipulations passed with 19 yes votes and 0 no votes and 1 abstain.

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- Ali Masood reminded everyone to clean up their mail boxes, and apologized for being tired and slow today.
- Ze-Kun Li apologized for his outbreak earlier, and announced that he had been really stressed lately. He put a lot of work into his Office and Field Hours proposal, and wanted everyone to have a look at it. He also wants the Senate to approve this before next quarter, because he does not want to push a program for next year without trying it this year. He announced he was frustrated because he could not explain what he wants to do and could not get everyone's opinions, because they stopped him from talking using parliamentary methods. He asked everyone for next time to please give themselves and others the chance to explain something they are passionate about.
- Nevin Sarina apologized for being disruptive, and announced that he is sick today. He asked everyone to help out with the classroom presentations tomorrow. He pointed out that having voted on the Office and Field Hours Amendment means that there will be a week that everyone only has 2 office and field hours, and that he hopes that the Administration Committee will presents a really good proposal for the definition of "Field Hours".
- Neesha Tambe passed around evaluation sheets for everyone to fill out, and asked not to include herself or Ze-Kun Li and to give it back to her later today. She also will let everyone know what the Administration Committee's meeting times will be for next quarter; this Monday it will be at 6:30pm.
- Sana Kathuria announced that since this is the last meeting until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Spring quarter, she will be sending out e-mails to sign up for the Student Service Day and the Student Forum.
- Melanie Dovan reminded everyone to verify their Committee meetings by this week, and thanked Brenden for buying "green" wipes and cleaning up all computers and the whole office.
- Natasha Asar announced that since the DASB is also supporting the March in March, people from Campus Camp Wellstone want to go around in the buses to ask joining their program.

### **Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators**

- Pablo Zamorano 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Adam Manzano 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting
- Kevin Trinh 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting
- Nelson Chuang 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting
- Saurav Agrawal 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

Approval of Balaram Fedchenko.

Balaram Fedchenko introduced his case.

Discussion occurred.

Balaram Fedchenko was approved as a Senator with 17 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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**Star of the Week**

Alex Mendiola presented the item.

**Adjournment**

Mariam Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.

Submitted by,

Sara Nierle

DASB Secretary

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