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## News briefs and events

**Faculty Protest Compensation**  
Faculty are engaging in a action called working-to-con- beginning immediately to est the Board's latest compen- n offer.  
Faculty will begin to withdraw all voluntary activities such performing committee work and ng students to classes once er quarter begins.  
is means that there will be seats available to late register- students. Students should reg- as soon as they are eligible to .  
class sections begin to close, ents should contact the divi- deans and request that addi- tional sections of high demand es be added to the winter schedule.

**ASASA Welcome Reception:**  
Asian Pacific American Staff Association will hold a welcome ption on Monday, Dec. 3, a 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Euphrat Museum of Art.

ne DASB will hand out free apple cider, hot chocolate, trons and other final exam ssities on Thursday, Dec. 6, a 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the o Area. In case of rain, the at will be moved inside the on Campus Center.

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## Realignment proposal could affect transfers

*proposed realignment would make current courses, including ICS and history optional classes*

by Robert Haugh  
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Required courses, such as ICS, History, Political Science and EWRT 1B may become optional under a realignment proposal being considered.

De Anza students who currently follow CSUGE or IGETC requirements, planning to transfer to CSU's and UC's, could soon be affected by a vote that would realign De Anza's current transfer requirements.

The proposal has been brought forward by Articulation Officer Rene Augenstein in an effort to align De Anza College transfer requirements with recommended IGETC and CSUGE transfer standards set previously by the statewide Faculty Senate.

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- Vicky Moreno

course because it is a requirement.

"This proposal has been rather under- cover, mostly discussed just in the Curriculum Committee. We also feel that the other side of the story has not been shared ... how this impacts De Anza and its students," said Kubo.

Some instructors, including Rowena Matsunari, said it is important to promote diversity on campus.

Student Anthony Choice echoed her,

**"Faculty at De Anza can plug the holes that nine people created state-wide."**

- Caroline Wilkins-Greene

that nine people created state-wide," said Caroline Wilkins-Greene, referring to the California Faculty Senate which is comprised of nine elected representatives.

According to ICS/IIS Division Dean Duane Kubo, the realignment may eventually "erode" the ICS division. He also said students won't have as many choices if the realignment is approved.

"De Anza has a historic commitment to diversity and multiculturalism and has built a national reputation for its programs for cultural, ethnic and area studies. This proposal is a step backwards from that commitment."

Counselor Vicky Moreno said "this is not an issue of how valuable the classes are, it is about what is best for the students."

Moreno says the Counseling Department strongly recommends students take ICS courses, and that ICS is important to students, but it is in the best interest of students for the requirements to realign.

Part-time Speech and ICS instructor Piper McNulty said she is "astounded [since ICS] is an essential skill and knowledge students need."

McNulty said that 90 percent of her students said that they only take her ICS

saying ICS education is important to students.

"Is there a lack of perspective among the Faculty Senate?" asked De Anza Student Trustee Les Leonardo.

Leonardo said the ICS requirement will be "defended by any means necessary."

De Anza is one of few community col-

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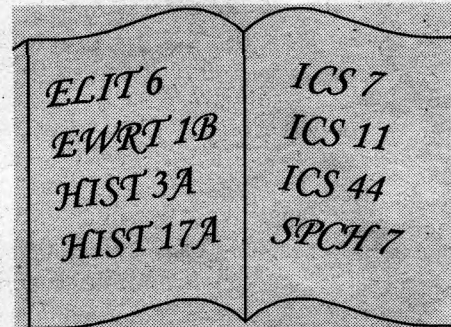
- Paul Seitzel

leges in the state that require ICS and history classes for IGETC transfer certification.

Dr. Michael Chang of the ICS/IIS department said that a student-initiated requirement, like ICS, is a decision that "should not be made frivolously, carelessly and without lengthy discussion."

English Instructor John Lovas said, "it is not a curriculum problem. The solution has nothing to do with the problem. Misalignment is in our debate."

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Classes that could become optional opposed to being required for De Anza IGETC transfer certification include ICS courses, history courses and others.

## ICS/IIS courses vital to students

### OPINION



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Many look at De Anza's comprehensive Intercultural Studies department with high regard. It is a cornerstone of the De Anza learning experience and tradition of multiculturalism. Sadly, however, a flawed proposal by the Curriculum Committee of the Academic Senate

threatens to put the Intercultural Studies department in danger of extinction.

If the proposal to align De Anza's transfer requirements with those of California state colleges passes, Intercultural Studies classes will cease being a De Anza transfer requirement. According to Dr. Michael Chang of the ICS department, up to 90 percent of students take ICS classes because of this requirement.

By the end of the quarter, many of these students say that ICS courses had a large impact on them. For many it is a life changing experience.

An ICS teacher read statements by students at the Nov. 27 forum on realignment. "I feel I learned more in this class than any other," "I finally realized what white privilege is" and "We should have had this in high school" were said by students who wouldn't have taken ICS if it wasn't required.

While it may not be intended, the proposal threatens to decimate the whole ICS department. The number of students attending ICS classes will drop significantly, funding will be cut back, the number of ICS classes offered will drop or possibly become almost nonexistent, and many instructors will be out of a job.

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# DASB offers course info before registration

*resource binders may be available to give early insight on course, instructor expectations*

by Vinh Nguyen  
STAFF WRITER

A new resource will be available for students' use when registering for Winter Quarter classes: binders containing the syllabi of many of De Anza's instructors. The binders will provide students with expectations of their prospective teachers and classes before enrolling in the courses. Greensheets, as they are better known, are the papers that instructors hand out to their classes during the first day of a quarter. They contain contact information, as well as a general description of the course-work for the class.

Often, students enroll in classes without knowing the instructors or the instructor's

course expectations.

As a result, they find themselves in an academic rut. The syllabi will give students a cursory feel of what to expect prior to enrolling in a specific class taught by a specific teacher.

"These binders should be available by the first week of December," said Colleen McGuire, DASB vice president of student rights and services, and organizer of this project.

"We hope to expand this project into something more than just binders — we want to make it available on the Internet," said McGuire. "That way, more students will have access to this information."

However, the task of gathering greensheets, compiling them onto computers, and uploading them to an Internet server can be complicated and

time-consuming.

The binders will provide a temporary convenience for students.

"I think it's a great idea," said student Binh Ly. "It will give students an insightful glance at what they're getting them-

**“ [The binders] will give students an insightful glance at what they're getting themselves into when they register.”**

- Binh Ly, student

selves into when they register for classes. I will definitely be using it.”

This project has existed in spoken terms for the past two years. McGuire decided to get past the discussion phase and make

this project a reality.

"Many of the greensheets are outdated and teachers no longer use them," said McGuire. "However, the intent of these binders is not to give definitive descriptions for classes; they're meant to give students some sort of expectation for classes."

The date for expansion to the Internet has not yet been established, but McGuire expects it to be soon.

"The only thing we need is time and dedication," she said. "Once we get a few dedicated people willing to work on this project, it should only be a matter of time before these greensheets will be up on the Internet."

The binders will be available for viewing in the Administration Building, Library, Campus Center, Student Activities Office and Open Media Lab.

## To realign or not to realign

### REALIGNMENT

From front page

Lovas said that there is no educational alignment argument against the proposal.

"A good education is to get students to understand," said Lovas.

Music Instructor Paul Seitzel said "the cost of excellence and leadership is the rest of the folks dragging you down to the lowest level."

Chang says that eliminating a student-initiated requirement, like ICS, is a decision that "should not be made frivolously, carelessly and without lengthy discussion."

Matsunari said that the Multicultural Staff Association advocates diversity and supports the ICS/IIS divisions' stance on opposing the realignment proposal.

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English instructor

posal.

The Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate votes on the proposal will be representative votes. Some faculty members and Senate members feel that the vote should have been proposed in a line-by-line matter, rather than voting on the entire proposal.

DASB voted on Nov. 28 to oppose the realignment proposal with a 20-1 vote.

The Curriculum Committee's vote on Tuesday, Dec. 4, is an advisory to the Academic Senate, which may take a vote on the realignment proposal in early January.

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## Incubator project aids service start-ups

*program will nurture, support growth of new local service businesses*

by Julie Jervis  
STAFF WRITER

While technology start-ups in Silicon Valley continue to flounder, De Anza College is planning to provide hopeful entrepreneurs in the service industries with much-needed support through the new De Anza Business Incubator, slated to open in the middle of next year.

**“ In the economic downturn, more people are turning toward the possibility of starting their own business.”**

- Tesha McCord, business instructor and DBI director

Focusing on nurturing the growth and development of service businesses, like janitorial services, real estate agencies and Latino book publishing, DBI will offer participants a number of services, ranging from office space and equipment, to business courses and mentoring.

"Entrepreneurship isn't just limited to high technology," said Stan Leopard, whose idea for DBI has been developed by the Silicon Valley 2010 Vision Leadership team over the past two years.

Leopard is also CEO of Starr Technologies and a member of the De Anza Commission.

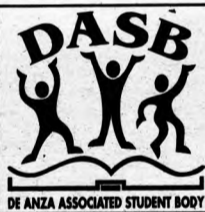
Leopard is hopeful that the DBI will reach a population that today has "little or no support infrastructure."

According to Tesha McCord, a De Anza business instructor who will serve as DBI's director, during the first phase, three to six small businesses will be selected through an application process to participate in the program.

McCord hopes that the incubator will eventually serve up to 12 businesses.

"In the economic downturn, more people are turning toward the possibility of starting their own business. The incubator's mission is to improve a company's likelihood for success during the risky initial years of operation," said McCord.

Plans are underway to lease a facility close to the De Anza campus, and add new and updated curriculum to certificate and degree business courses for incubator participants and other entrepreneurs.



## DASB Senate

### Weekly Update

-By Senator Kimberly Cofer

#### Nov. 28th Senate Meeting Notes:

- There was distribution of DASB scholarship winners that were selected through the Scholarship Committee. The Committee also supplied cupcakes for the winners!

- New funding was allocated for the Biology Health Sciences Department in the amount of \$3,500 to be used for purchase of plastic body parts for the students to study. This item was passed through a first vote.

- A resolution passed regarding the alignment proposal that is going through the De Anza faculty Curriculum Committee. The resolution will be presented to the Academic Senate stating DASB's disapproval of the proposal that seeks to align De Anza's transfer certification GE requirements with that of the CSU and UCs. The resolution expresses the DASB concern regarding the negative effect on the ICS, English, and Social Sciences Departments that may occur if the alignment proposal is passed.

- • The DASB Senate also passed a resolution regarding the Higher Education Act Reform that was passed by Congress in 1998. The Act added a question on the financial aid forms for educational institutions that asks if the person has been convicted of any drug related offense. If the question is answered with a yes, the person applying for financial aid will be denied eligibility for financial aid for periods ranging from one year to indefinitely. The resolution stated DASB's Senate support of the Bill that is currently going through con-

gress that will repeal the addition of the question to financial aid forms.

- There was a discussion/action item on the agenda that was passed regarding the Diversity and Events Committee's budget allocations from the Diversity and Events funds that the committee is responsible. Some of the events that were funded by the committee were the De Anza Pow Wow, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Asian Pacific Awareness month event.

- There was approval of a new senator this week. After serving as a senate agent, Ju Kang was approved as a new DASB Senator. Last week, another agent was approved for senator, Jennifer DeLeon.

#### Diversity and Events Committee

- The committee will host an event for the students of De Anza on Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Patio Area (if it rains, it will be inside the campus center). They will be handing out tea, hot chocolate and apple cider as well as providing free scantrons, pencils, and bluebooks for your finals! The DASB Senate wishes you good luck on your final exams and a fun and relaxing Winter Break! See you next quarter!

The DASB Senate meets Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers on the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center. For questions and comments please contact Kimberly Cofer at the Senate office next to the Student Council Chambers. Call 864-8694 for additional information.