De Anza College Academic Senate

Testing Center Recommendation

Background: In a recent budget crisis, the Testing Center was defunded and closed, leaving a significant void on our campus. The Testing Center was located in a small room on the side of the library and was a place for De Anza faculty to arrange for a student to take an exam. For faculty, legitimate conflict with exams scheduled made it difficult to accommodate student's availability. Students are unable to do a retest due to logistical issues to have a proper space to retest. The Testing Center was a viable space and resource to the faculty. The integrity of exams was well protected. The Center was also opened evenings to further support adjunct faculty needs. Faculty who taught online also benefitted when requiring an in-person exam.

Recommendation: The Academic Senate explores with the College administration the viability of bringing back the Testing Center.

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