

Short Bio: Brian Murphy

Brian Murphy is the President of De Anza College. He is also the Distinguished Urban Fellow at the San Francisco Urban Institute (SFUI) at San Francisco State University (SFSU) and an Associate Professor of Political Science at SFSU. Murphy has served SFUI's Executive Director, SFSU's Director of External Affairs, and as Senior Advisor to the California State University's chancellor with special responsibility for strategic planning.

Murphy earned a B.A. from Williams College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, all in political Science. He has taught political theory and American government at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara University, and San Francisco State University. He has written in the areas of democratic theory, planning, and political economy.

Murphy served as the Chief Consultant to the California State Legislature's Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education, and was the principal consultant for the Legislature's community college reform process in the late 1980s. He also served as Research Director for Caribbean Research at the Data Center in Oakland, and was a founding member of Faculty for Human Rights in El Salvador and Central America.

A resident of San Francisco, Murphy served on San Francisco's Human Services Commission, was a Board Member of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, and earlier served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Candlestick Point Park. He is married and the father of two sons.