



Merritt College Counseling Department

Articulation Notes
March 18, 2003

- 1. STIR at UC Berkeley** There have been some hiccups w/ new Online Supplemental Transfer Information Request (STIR) at Berkeley. The form/process is similar to the Work In Progress (WIP) form transfer students are required to complete throughout UC System. There has been some confusion among UCB faculty and departments about whether courses have been approved. Most problems occur when transfer students have taken courses at schools other than a California Community College. Faculty have been informed that if courses are posted on ASSIST, this confirms articulation and is to be honored. Contact Nancy at (510) 643-7901 if problems continue.
- 2. St. Mary's News** The St. Mary's website has been revamped and their artic agreements are now much easier to find (same URL). Also, they are now offering Phi Beta Kappa scholarships: they have 1 this year (award between \$1K and \$5K) and may be able to offer 2 next year. They are also planning to participate in ISAP (the ASSIST equivalent for Independents) in the near future and, when they do, our agreement with them will be included.
- 3. SFSU Update** SFSU is planning to move their CSC 301, Fundamentals of Computer Science, from upper division to lower division to increase articulation as a result of many requests. When this happens, we'll pursue artic. They're also planning to revise their Liberal Studies major to come into alignment w/ the new teacher prep regulations, probably in May, '03. Their current Liberal Studies pages on their web site has a good overview of teacher prep and coming changes. Also, CSU Systemwide has adopted the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS: www.atitesting.com) as an acceptable screening instrument for all CSU Nursing programs. It is now up to individual campuses to decide whether to adopt it for their programs. SFSU expects to vote on this in May, '03.
- 4. JFKU Moving** JFKU is planning their move to their new, permanent campus in Pleasant Hill soon, and will consolidate all schools there (Law, Management, etc.). They will announce specifics as the move date draws near.
- 5. UCI Update** UC Irvine recently approved Computer Science as a new School so look for changes in majors in near future. Computer Engineering was recently approved as a major. There will probably be changes in Bio Sci majors next year and we'll be notified when/if they occur.

6. Use of IB Credit There has been some recent discussion (and confusion) about the use of International Baccalaureate credit for transfer. The IBO is an organization that grants credit to students around the world for university-level courses after successfully completing exams in 6 areas: language, second language, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics and computer science, and the arts. Schools within both the UC and CSU systems have varying policies about accepting credit (similar to AP exams). IB credits cannot be used for IGETC certification, however, because they aren't accepted by CSU Systemwide. For the UC policy on IB credit, check page 40 of the UC Quick Reference for Counselors 2003-04 (green cover).