



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2004

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Blackwell, Zielke, McLean, Shriver, Pantell, Wong, Allen, Crutchfield.

- 1. Nursing Program Requirements** Reviewed and clarified comparison of requirements for Merritt's ADN and State of California requirements to sit for Nursing Boards. State requires all Group B except CIS and Ethnic Studies; ADN requires all Group B to receive A.S. Need to be sure to point out differences to students inquiring about program.
- 2. Transfer Issues** Blackwell said she'd heard from UC Systemwide that students applying for F04 admission aren't likely to hear from UC until May. Also requested that we encourage students to visit campus representatives when they come or they will stop coming. Reported that both SFSU and CSU, Hayward are still open for F04 but that SFSU requires that all admission requirements be completed by the end of S04 while Hayward will accept work completed by the end of SU04. Important dates this semester:
 - ♦ 2/11: Puente/transfer student visit to Holy Names College; 9:00 a.m. sharp!
 - ♦ 2/25: Puente/transfer student visit to SFSU; 9:00 a.m. sharp!
 - ♦ 3/30: Transfer student panel, local college students; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 - ♦ 4/3: Havenscourt Community Church partnership event; details to follow
 - ♦ 4/14: Job fair and mini local college fair; 10:00 – 2:00
- 3. Articulation** Pantell reviewed ongoing process of establishing Merritt's ENGL 203 as prereq for ENGL 1A; still in process. Also reported Vista has established ENGL 259D, and integrated reading/writing course that is a prereq to ENGL 201A—will now be added to Assessment grid. Reviewed new COUN courses and discussed change from 1 unit to .5 units for COUN 221 (old LRNRE 248ND). Some counselors unsure they can cover old course content in .5 units. Pantell will look into reasons for change and report back. Also handed out information on changes in NUTR program, specifically the NUTR 70A-C and 71A-C. Agreement to invite NUTR dept. chair to counseling meeting to clarify details of changes and potential impact on counseling and students.
- 4. Other Business** VP Jordan-Cox attended briefly to announce that new counseling position has been approved and posted for in-house transfer. After appropriate posting period, will go outside if no transfer occurs. Hiring committee is Shriver, McLean, Zielke, Pantell, Tissot, and Jordan-Cox. Also discussed Professional Day events on 2/19 & 3/24 for student services personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.