



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2015

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: McLean, Allen, Pantell, Khoo, Zielke, Perez, Ilarde, Ciddio, Ross, Garcia. Guest: Jennifer Shanoski, Merritt PFT representative; Bill Love, Merritt faculty.

1. **11<sup>th</sup> Month Contract:** Chairs reported outcome of meeting w/ VPSS & Dean on 2/5/15. Understanding is that VP supports contracts in current form and will present to President for approval and signature. Discussion w/ Shanoski and Love about options going forward.
2. **Additional COUN Courses for M15:** Chairs presented request by Division I Dean to add add'l COUN sections (if needed and if appropriate) in M15. Ilarde presented current schedule. Possible additions of COUN 200A (Khoo) and 203/201C (DSP&S). Agreement to look into potential enrollments of proposed courses and report back to co-chairs by 2/13/15 (including instructor assignment and proposed days/times).
3. **Other:**
  - Discussion about petition being circulated throughout district for equitable pay for non-instructional faculty. McLean will submit signed petition to coordinator.
  - Reminder about departmental SLO assessment survey (N=10; 100 needed). Will ask hourly counselors to participate.
  - Co-chairs announced add'l issue from 2/5/15 meeting w/ VPSS/Dean about relationship and process between Counseling and Financial Aid as well as Admissions & Records. When difficulties and/or confusion occurs, Associate Vice Chancellor and VPSS may have to intervene to propose resolution.
  - Ilarde announced VPSS decision to post and recruit for three 3SP positions: Puente/General, Veterans/General, and Career/General. Hiring process/timeline to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.