

3/11/24: Counseling Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Castro, Scurry, Moy, Alturk, Pantell, Allen, Towle, Salceda, Perez, Ross

Counseling Updates:

- Deadline to petition for a degree is Friday March 22nd however this is for counselor knowledge only and was approved to accommodate students who have appointments next week to petition
 - If students are missing 6 units or less and want to participate in graduation, please use the excel sheet on the counselor website and remind students to petition in Summer - deadline to include students on the list is March 29- we are on spring break this week so realistically it will be March 22
- Virtual District Wide Counseling Meeting is Thursday March 21
 - Sent Zoom link - agenda is coming soon
 - Are there any questions you would like us to forward to PFT President Jeff? If so, please let the co chairs know.
 - There will be an in-person social gathering- place TBD - time TBD, but likely around 4:30
- Stiles Hall: <https://stileshall.org/ebt/> Great resource to be in a cohort and get mentoring for students of color interested in UCB. Helps guide the navigation process for Fall 2025. Pantell will put on the counselor website on the UCB page.
- IT: Patricia and Dale are retiring- Patricia is retiring in the Summer and Dale is retiring in January- please start requesting any IT updates now as we are unsure who is backfilling them
- CE Open House is May 3 in the gym. More information will be forthcoming.

Counseling Cautions:

This is a new additional topic to our department meetings. Let us know if you learn anything new or are reminded of something that would benefit all counselors.

Please continue to double check local GE advising sheets- BCC has recently updated their Ethnic Studies classes and it no longer includes Music 15A/15B, Soc 5, etc....

Articulation Update - See attached Articulation Notes 3/11/24. Quick highlights only below:

Common Course Numbering - asked for an extension to fall 2027. Nothing will change before Fall 27

CalGETC is going forward. Students will be automatically placed in an ADT education plan/major if a student states "transfer" as a goal on their application and if there is an AD-T in place for the student's intended major.

-No partial certification

-Fall 25 goes into effect for new students. Summer does not preserve catalog rights for this. Catalog rights prior to F25 get to choose a pattern.

-Area E is gone

-May 2025 is when we get decisions about courses submitted for CalGETC

-Students with GE Certification prior to Fall 25 will be honored.

Concerns:

-Students who change their mind from the time of application and are no longer interested in transferring. Students can opt out or we can opt them out if we determine they are "unlikely to benefit" from an AD-T program (this is very subjective).

-Need a C or better in all courses. No longer is C- okay.

Associates Degrees effective F25

-Requirement for C or better in English and math has gone away. It is now a competency requirement. Can use a D as long as students have an overall gpa of 2.0.

Program & Committee Updates:

Academic Senate elections are coming up. Frances' term will be ending. Meetings are efficient. Let Frances know if you would like to be nominated. She recommends this committee. You learn a lot about the campus and policy. It is action oriented/result oriented.

Chair:

Does anyone want to volunteer to be co-chair with Sara?

The group would like to think about it and follow up at the next meeting.

Co-chair Discussion:

Agreement: If categoricals are co chairs, they should not be responsible for the general counseling schedule.

All have the opportunity to be chair (categoricals, adjuncts, etc) however adjuncts have limited hours. They may not be available for emergencies, meetings, and when there are absences, etc.

Having categoricals in the cycle will help to spread out the rotation.

Agreement: Adjuncts should not be in the rotation but can self nominate to be department chair.

Concern: Rose is the only categorical counselor in EOPS.

Agreement: Should have the right to pass when a counselor's turn on the rotation comes up.

To Be Discussed Next week:

*The term of service for a co-chair (one year, two years, other).

*The rotation of co-chairs if no one or only one person self-nominates.
(Self nomination takes precedence over the rotation)

*What happens if someone needs to step away for the spring term of their full-year commitment?

Discussion points:

Start a rotation based on when a person last served

Have tri chairs

Program Review should be divided up among counselors and not just a chair's responsibility.

Steve is open to questions or concerns. So is Sara.

Announcements:

Graduation is Monday, May 20th at 5:30pm at the Paramount Theater in Oakland.

Reminder: Transfer acceptance list is on the counselor website. Please enter all students who are accepted into a university.

Next week's speaker is Financial Aid Director- Loan- please bring your questions

Enrollment appointments for students are visible to counselors only at this point. Students will be able to see them in their accounts April 1st.