



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2013

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Allen, McLean, Scurry, Ilarde, Zielke, Khoo, Nelson and Pantell. Guest: Ann Elliott, English

1. ENGL Discussion w/ Elliott about issues re: English and Counseling such as:
 - . students who score high on assessment in reading but not as strong in writing might still be recommended for ENGL 201A using multiple measures. Ask how they did in HS English and try to assess other elements of their English language usage.
 - . not too many options for students who score at lower end (i.e. “see counselor” level). Laney has ENGL 269A-B which is at same level as our 252A-B (but 6 units). Laney also has ENGL 290 (Project Bridge) that may be an option. And Laney splits their 252 sequence into Writing (267) and Reading (268) if student wants to work on one area over another.
 - . there are opttys for students to accelerate. Students can jump from 252A to 201A or even 1A, depending on their rate of progress. Elliott reinforced use of the prereq challenge form that instructors will give to students to be taken directly to A&R (not to Counseling).
 - . also discussed role of counselors in developing SEPs and the many factors that may result in a student having a course requiring advanced English before they’ve taken advanced English. Elliott thanked counselors for pointing out factors that aren’t always obvious to instructional faculty.

General discussion of issues president is looking at as well as exchange of ideas from Counseling faculty. Particular mention given to block scheduling, advocating for add’l faculty, providing coverage for students w/ fewer resources, and keeping communication open. President also shared details about her career path which includes faculty and administrative positions in both student services and instruction.

2. New Business

- ♦ Continual mention of need to complete SLO assessment surveys by the end of S13
- ♦ Allen announced she will not be teaching COUN 24 this summer and asked if anyone was interested. Khoo may be and will let either of the co-chairs know.
- ♦ Discussion of recommendation by President Ambriz-Galaviz that one new counseling position be added as of F13. Those interested in communicating the scope of that position should get comments to either co-chair for transmission to VPSS.
- ♦ Pantell/Scurry announced DAS meeting tomorrow to discuss role of counselors in student success. McLean said he may be able to attend and will check schedule.
- ♦ Ilarde asked whether others are seeing an increase in sub/waiver forms accompanying petitions as deadline nears. Some are, some aren’t. Mention of possibility of revising sub/waiver form to allow for more than one course per form.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.