

**Meeting Minutes**  
**MERRITT COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

Date: 3/22/2021

Time: 1:30pm

Attendees: E. Ross, Salceda, Perez, Ellis, Ciddio, Khoo, D. Ross, Moy, Cheah, Pantell, Daniel, Clipper-Willis, Scurry, Webb, Allen, Alturk, DeVito.

Allotted Time	Topic	Person(s) Responsible
1:30-1:35pm	<p>Dean's Corner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Counselor Breakfast: Scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. Time has been changed to 11:00 am.</li> <li>-ConexEd: Dean Webb attended a meeting focused on the new platform that the district purchased. We have a three-year contract with ConexEd.</li> <li>-eSARS: Dean Webb and Co-Chairs will meet with Jason Ilagan to ensure the Veterans Services and Career Services links are live.</li> <li>-Special programs are reminded to spend their money before the purchasing cut-off date.</li> </ul>	Lisa Webb
1:35-1:45pm	<p>Guest Speaker – Western Governors University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dr. Kimberly Ellis provided an overview of Western Governors University (WGU). The PowerPoint will be provided to the Counseling Department.</li> <li>-Highlights included:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--WGU celebrated 200,000 graduates in just 20 years.</li> <li>--39% of students are first generation college students.</li> <li>--59% of graduates earned undergraduate degrees.</li> <li>--41% of graduates earned graduate degrees.</li> <li>--The university is 100% online with a flat rate tuition of approximately \$3,225 for each 6-month term.</li> <li>--WGU offers a College of Business, Teachers College, College of Health Professions, and College of Information Technology.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dr. Kimberly C. Ellis
1:45 – 2:00pm	<p>Articulation Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Notes will be e-mailed by Steve Pantell.</li> <li>-CSU Sacramento's BSN Program will accept Psychology 21 from Laney College or College of Alameda to meet the Child Development 30 requirement.</li> </ul>	Steve Pantell

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	<p>-CSU Sonoma approved Music 24 to meet the Music 342 requirement.</p> <p>-CSU Chancellor's Office: Ethnic Studies.</p> <p>--3 semester units will be required.</p> <p>--Ethnic studies prefix or one of four racialized groups.</p> <p>--3 of 5 core competencies must be met.</p> <p>--The requirement will be effective Fall 21.</p>	
2:00 – 2:10pm	<p>AA/AS: 4C - Computer Literacy Requirement</p> <p>-Open discussion about eliminating and/or replacing the computer literacy requirement for the AA/AS degree.</p> <p>--Counselors in favor of eliminating and/or replacing Area 4C felt that the requirement was antiquated and was a barrier for certain populations to graduate.</p> <p>--Counselors against eliminating and/or replacing Area 4C felt that if it's not required for graduation, computer literacy classes will be offered less.</p>	All
2:10 – 2:15 pm	<p>Districtwide Counselors Meeting: Agenda – 3/24/21</p> <p>-Updated agenda was reviewed and provided.</p> <p>-Topics include: Welcome and Meeting Reminders, MIS Reporting and SARS Reason Codes, ConexEd Implementation Project, Computer Literacy Area 4C Discussion, Cranium Cafe Basics, Parity Pay MOU Clarification, "Give Yourself a B.E.S.O. (Kiss)"- A Stress Management Tool for Uncertain Times.</p>	Rosa and Jose
2:15– 2:30 pm	<p>Standing Items:</p> <p>Reports from Programs - Puente, Sankofa, FYE, Veterans, SAS, EOPS, Transfer Center, etc.</p> <p>-Transfer Center: SFSU accepted 204 PCCD students for Fall 21. CSU admission offers have been made. UC admission offers will happen in April.</p> <p>Committee Reports</p> <p>-None provided.</p>	All

2:30– 2:35 pm	Announcements: <i>-Districtwide Counselor Meeting scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00 pm.</i>	All
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