



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2007

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Zielke, Pantell, Shriver, Allen, Blackwell, MacEwan, Coplan. Guests: Ebony Lewis, regional admissions representative, UC Santa Cruz.

1. **UCSC** Lewis presented on general admissions and advising info for UCSC. Noted 2 new majors, Computer Game Design (part of School of Engineering) and Bioengineering. Highly selective majors are Engineering, Psychology, and Sociology. GATE Program (guaranteed transfer admission) still active and effective; application period is August 1 through October 15 each year; see UCSC web site for information and criteria. Lewis' contact information is (510) 233-2280 or admissions2@ucsc.edu
2. **Probation/Dismissal Update** Reviewed new policy and forms distributed by all VPSSs. Discussion about implementation at Merritt. Will propose that when student who is already on dismissal comes in to register, the counselor 1) checks mainframe to see if still enrolled in courses contracted for, 2) if still enrolled, use counselor judgment to complete another Dismissal petition while assisting student to select courses for future and, 3) submit petition to VPSS for notification to student of approval or not. Note: since student's status is still technically "Dismissed", and since Intersession is technically part of Spring semester, student remains blocked from enrolling in Intersession.
3. **Transfer Report** Blackwell announced that student transfer panel is tomorrow, 4/24/07, from 11 to 12:30 in the Student Lounge.
4. **New Business**
 - Discussed 11 month contracts for 07-08.
 - Checked in on R Building operations during first couple of weeks.
 - Final check-in on upcoming PCCD Counselor Training workshops.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.