

Counselor Meeting May 2, 2011

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.

In attendance: Allen, Decoursey, Khoo, McLean, Scurry, Zielke, Paniagua (intern)

Basic Skills Learning Community, etc - Zielke

Given that two of the three learning communities being offered in fall '11 are offering Coun 224, Marty sees a potential issue for students for whom we might recommend participation in a future learning community. She is part of a summer bridge learning community which will include COUN 207A, COUN 200A and Engl 252A (at Fruitvale). If we mainly offer COUN 224 in conjunction with other classes, students are then kept out of future learning communities in which Coun 224 is a part.

Department Chair Nominations - Allen

Ballots were distributed and it was announced that Pantell and Allen are running as co-chairs. Counselors were advised on how to complete ballots if they are in support of the two candidates. Deadline for submission of ballots is Friday, May 13.

All Counselor Meeting – Allen

Venue has been changed from Laney to Merritt (Student Lounge) for May 6th meeting.

New Business - Miscellaneous

McLean shared that there is a possibility that Merritt may still ending up with deans – perhaps one in instruction and one in Student Services.

McLean shared that his term serving on CEMPC (Merritt) and the Education Committee (district) is ending at the end of this semester. He encouraged counselors to consider participating. Student Services and Counseling in particular must be represented.

Zielke reported that on May 3 Centro Latino will work on course selection with students from Castlemont for fall '11. Mandela will be assessed on May 5; Skyline will be assessed on May 13.

There will not be a campus-wide Cinco de Mayo event this semester. Staff is preparing for a PACLA scholarship event on May 19.

McLean reminded counselors of the need to fill COUN classes, particularly those that are not part of learning communities (summer and fall).

McLean discussed the challenges Merritt students are facing if they want to enroll in more than one class in summer. The ways courses are scheduled (with times overlapping) makes it impossible for our students. This may cause Merritt to lose students to campuses whose schedules are more user-friendly.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.