



## Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2006

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Zielke, Scurry, Shriver, Pantell, DeCoursey, Tissot, Wong, Allen, Blackwell, Ciddio, Adams.

1. **Review of ADN Handout** General discussion about the informational handout on the Nursing Dept. MacEwan coordinating getting comments from counselors and reviewing w/ Dawn Williams--get comments to him. NOTE TO COUNSELORS ONLY: some students who have taken courses outside PCCD sometimes request a course substitution for ENGL 5 (part of Group B) using a "Critical Thinking" course in another discipline (typically Philosophy or a logic class in another discipline). This isn't acceptable. The ENGL 5 requirement for Nursing is as a 2<sup>nd</sup> English composition class, not as a critical thinking class (the same way that ENGL IB is also an option). This would get pretty confusing if we put it on the informational handout so we decided to leave it off and notify counselors internally.
2. **R Building Update** Construction still largely on schedule though move date now expected to be 1/07 vs. 12/06. Tour next week.
3. **Articulation Report** Pantell used time to report on Title III planning grant. Concern that responsibilities outlined in grant for counselors may not be feasible given current workload. Agreement to communicate w/ T3 team to try to clarify before grant submitted.
4. **Transfer Report** Blackwell reported on transfer workshop and student reception 5/10/06. Will start in Gym but may move later. Also report on last Concurrent Enrollment workshop of S06 on Tuesday, 5/16 from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Transfer Center. After this workshop, Blackwell will see students individually who are interested in concurrent enrollment (ideally before first day of F06)...
5. **New Business**
  - Introduction of Mary Ciddio, new DSP&S counselor and instructor (part-time). Will be teaching a COUN 57 for students in DSP&S program (though all are welcome).
  - Intern sub-committee report by Blackwell, Allen, and Scurry. In process of creating and recording procedures. Also have scheduled 2 interviews on 5/16 for F06 intern.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.