



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2003

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. In attendance: Blackwell, Zielke, McLean, Shriver, Pantell, Wong, Allen, Tissot, Scurry, Clark. Guests: Barbara Joans, Merritt College Anthropology; Kim Abbott, Ohlone College Respiratory Therapy.

- 1. Student Services Facilities Planning** Discussion of proposed move and restructuring of Student Services. General agreement that, if a division of services must happen, it makes most sense to divide them along the lines of Counseling Services (General Counseling, Career & Transfer, Puente, EOPS, DSP&S, CalWORKS, & Health Center [if space permits]) and Enrollment Services (A&R, Financial Aid, Cashier, Assessment & Orientation, and Administration [VP & Dean]). As to location, it may make most sense to move proposed Counseling Services to reconfigured R Building, leaving A&R and Financial Aid where they are.
- 2. Ohlone Respiratory Therapy Program** Kim Abbott presented details of RT Program and Physical Therapy Assistant Program. RT Program is both full-time (approx. 2 years) and part-time (approx 4 years). Only need to complete 3 prerequisites to enter program (ENGL 1A, MATH 201, & CHEM 30A). Program admits 24-26 students each Fall. Good option for those interested in Allied Health (i.e. our Nursing) but who haven't been accepted into another program. Great labor market since many current RTs about to retire and need new people to fill demand. Starting salaries can range between \$50 & \$80K, depending on how much a person wants to work. See brochure for more details.
- 3. Merritt Anthropology** Barbara Joans presented on the differences between the core ANTHR courses. See catalog & schedule for listings.
- 4. Articulation Report** Pantell reported on status of task force to develop PCCD Counseling Department. Group considered options and voted on Counseling Department and COUN as the name and prefix of the department. Also voted on name for course addressing skills and abilities to succeed in college: College Success. Discussed restructuring of Merritt Child Development programs, especially addition of ENGL 201A (or higher) and SPCH 20 as requirements for Teacher Certificate and limit of 2 units of Emergent Topics courses to fulfill degree or certificate requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.