



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2013

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Allen, Scurry, Khoo, Pantell, Ilarde, McLean, Zielke, Nelson.
Guest: Jennifer Shanoski, Chemistry

1. **UC Berkeley Bridges Fellows Program** Shanoski gave overview of program. Targets underrepresented ethnic groups (African-American, Hispanic, Native American, and Pacific Islander) students interested in pursuing research and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math). Provides support, advising, \$3K stipend, and oppty for research (w/ presentation at final colloquium) at UC Berkeley in science area of choice. Take 3-unit course at UCB. Eligibility: enrolled at PCCD College (preferably Merritt), no bachelor's, minimum overall 3.0 GPA, and have completed CHEM 1A w/ grade of B or higher (and planning on enrolling in BIOL 1A). See handout for add'l info + contact info = application.
2. **Evaluations** Review department evaluation schedule and process. Evaluators informed about VP's request to schedule individual appointments w/ him to complete administrative eval.
3. **Transfer Report** Ilarde reported on MOU established w/ UC Berkeley for summer session courses. Take UCB courses during summer and use Merritt financial aid (??). Ilarde will post link to Pathways Program on Transfer website.
4. **Other**
 - Assessment starts October 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.