

9/18/23 General Counseling Meeting

General Counseling Updates:

- Thank you to Frances and Derrick for supporting Fall 2023 evaluations. Frances will complete Laura's evaluation and Derrick will complete La Vora's. Only two evaluations needed this Fall and we will discuss Spring evaluations early Spring. As a reminder, Shanova is no longer working on this, please do not email her directly. Use facultyevals@peralta.edu.
- The Kim's would like to remind us that students enrolled at Merritt get free breakfast Monday-Thursday 7:30-10:30 (they are closed Fridays). They continue to have a check in table. 3 breakfast choice options along with a choice of coffee, tea, milk, water, or orange juice. Mr. Kim reported that the breakfast has been busy and popular with students. Conversation about possibly breakfast and lunch for Spring- will update later
- Reminder- Lesley noticed that "in progress" classes drop off the student education plan if a student drops it (sometimes does not report the W and/or NGR)- as a caution, please remember to write "in progress" classes in the SEP comments. We had a student who was following their plan and trying to sign up for BUS 1B, but did not have BUS 1A on their plan. We noticed they W from the class the current semester, but not showing on the reporting tool.
- Thank you to Mayra for helping support shadowing our new counselor Mari.
- Lenore McDonald- has two scholarships left for \$1,000. For Latino/African American students- need 2.5 GPA, FAFSA qualified, full time students. Lenore thanks us for promoting it last week.
- Webmaster Update: No update if there is a webmaster, however, if you want changes to your website, please email your direct supervisor who can email the student assistant in the President's Office

Dean's Corner:

- COVID cases are rising- just a reminder that a faculty member can tell a student to wear a mask in their individual offices. Lisa can provide us extra masks for our offices so we can give them out to students if we want them to wear a mask. Please ask Lisa for masks if you want them.
- New basic needs coordinator- Susana Abdurahman. She works with Doris- she is located in the 3rd office at the Student Activities Office- comes from Holy Names- basic needs has got an increase in budget, so if you have students, please refer them to her and CC Doris or you can refer to Lisa to CARE- pick 1 so the student does not share their story twice. Working on hotel vouchers which will give

students 3 nights- this will be discussed with the team. This is being worked on, yet not official.

- 211 is also available to students- students sometimes have to wait, but could provide other shelter needs. Susana is also working on finding safer shelters especially for women.
- Please refer to Sara's email on Thursday for mental health updates, especially for returning students- they will need to do a new intake form:
 - https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Fmqh7q9le0eREwWxwBEj_-OcgFpOFuRCuEyalZmLKNpUQUNJNTVHREVaNDdQV0RFRDVEV0s0MIRaQy4u
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- Susana is full - time please use the form to fill out to refer students:
 - <https://www.merritt.edu/student-life/basic-needs-resources/#:~:text=The%20Basic%20Needs%20Center%20aims,to%20campus%20and%20community%20resources.>
- Emergency grants are still available- updates will be provided later.

Radiologic Science- Guest Speaker:

Jacqueline Custard's Comments: Unfortunately Jacqueline was not present during our meeting- Co-Chairs will follow up with her.

Questions from Counselors for Next Meeting:

- What is the current update and process for people applying to the Radiology Program?
- Do you have a waitlist?
 - If so, how long do people stay on the waitlist for?
- How many people applied last admission cycle and how many were admitted each year?
- Do the 4 prereqs need to be completed within 7 years?
 - The website states so
- Comment: The website still states that students can complete an assessment test, which is outdated.
- How do you count Credit by Exam if students need a 2.5 GPA to get into the program?

Program & Committee Updates:

- Articulation:
 - No updates

- Career: Sara's updates:
 - Mental Health Career Symposium, Saturday, September 23rd from 10am - 2pm. Former trustee Linda Handy is a moderator. Posted on the career center website. There is a holiday job fair on Foothill Ave on September 23- also under employment opportunities on the career center website. Tuesday September 26 there is another job fair in Alameda at the South Shore Shopping Center. Employers are looking for full and part time workers and will hire on the spot- on the career center website.
 - Please continue to encourage your students to use the SuperStrong Career Assessment. I have done classroom presentations and have/will be going to Andrea Henderson and Derrick's class. Upcoming counseling meeting plan on doing this together to show how easy it is. Thank you Rosa for giving me the idea.

- Centro Latino:
 - No updates

- EOPS: No updates
 - Rose: Curriculum Committee: Variable Units was asked to VPI, she was not sure, so she will report back to us. A question was brought up asking if there was an update regarding the GE pattern for the Liberal Arts for Cross Cultural and Arts/Humanities- there is no update yet. A question was asked if the Social and Behav Science degree would be willing to change their degree- Per Rose, Janine would be open to feedback and it was asked that she come to the counseling meeting.

- FYE:
 - No updates

- Puente:
 - No updates

- Matriculation: Lesley's updates:
 - Priority Registration (SAS, EOPS, Next Up, Veterans, CalWorks) will be on 11/6. For students in Learning Communities and Athletes, the date is 11/8. For continuing students the date is 11/13 and for new and high school students, the date is 11/15. Also note for all instructors with a 9/11 class start date, the census roster deadline is Tuesday 9/26

- Facility Meeting: R building elevator is a priority. They want to repair it so that the water intrusion does not happen again. If you need a work repair, send to merworkorders@peralta.edu. Facility rental fee is from 2012, they are working on increasing the fee.
- CFT: The milestone prereq for Econ is going to change for Spring 2024. The new milestone is already on the current list. For winter intersession classes with Econ, please use milestone 8/1/23 as the date (Fall). The current milestone is Math-J. The new one for Spring 2024 will be Math-JA.

- SAS: France's updates:
 - 3 SAS Counselors will be going to the CSU counselor conference, will report back at another counseling meeting in October.

- Transfer: Roniqua's Updates:
 - Continues to ask for volunteers for Transfer Day on Wednesday October 11- 10am-1pm. Please email/reach out to Roniqua if you can help and she will also send a sign up sheet. Steve and Carlos have already volunteered.

- Umoja/Sankofa:
 - No updates

- Veterans:
 - No updates

Next Week's Speaker:

Victor Littles

Stefani de Vito- Wellness Center

We will look into rescheduling with Jacqueline