



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2010

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Scurry, McLean, Allen, Pantell, Khoo, De Coursey, Ciddio.
Guest: Jennifer Yates, RADSC

1. RADSC Update Yates presented on current status of RADSC program:

- New policy of admitting every other (even) year implemented due to long wait list; would have 5 year wait list if accepted apps each year
- Re: labor market, economy slowing has affected labor market somewhat but jobs still exist--may take longer to find them; most employment comes from students who do well at their placement sites being offered jobs there after placement ends
- Economy slowdown has also decreased the number of employed technicians who can supervise our student interns at placement sites
- Re: wait list process, RADSC sends letter to applicants who are accepted but wait listed; student must keep letter and return it during following January-March application period indicating they're still interested in attending program
- Encourage students to apply for admission to all programs in Bay Area: Merritt, CCSF, Santa Rosa, Cañada, Foothill, Kaiser Oakland, Mills Peninsula Hospital (Burlingame); Yates aware of one private school, Gurnick Academy (tuition is \$70K/year)
- Re: "Highly Recommended Preparation" courses noted on RADSC brochure, completing them doesn't affect admission in any way, just makes student better prepared when/if admitted
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- RADSC has 17 clinical placement sites locally; good student:supervisor ratio (about 1:3)

2. SLO Addendum Counselors reviewed and completed SLO addenda for all COUN courses. Pantell will record and send to SLO Coordinator and CIC Chair.

3. MAP Report McLean reported on current status of program. Program closed for 10-11; have served approx 280 students (target was 200 students). Recent visit by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan went extremely well--focus entirely on MAP, not Merritt. Recent positive publicity for program in Contra Costa Times, Oakland Tribune, and Oakland Post. OUSD and Emeryville SD expressing interest in partnering w/ program--courses to be taught at local high schools. Program will be holding 2nd annual conference October 23rd.

4. New Business

- PCCD Counselor Meeting: Merritt's turn to host. Brainstormed possible agenda items: a) invite Vice Chancellor Ng for dialog about Counselor issues throughout district; b) status of 11th Month contracts; c) online counseling status update. Suggested date for meeting is 11/10/10 w/ most preferring morning.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.