

9/25/23 General Counseling Meeting

General Counseling Updates:

- FAQs are now updated on the general counseling website- working on the front page and side bars
- For face-to-face student scantron evaluations (adjunct and full time counselors):
 - Sabrina Manrique will serve in this capacity and is completing training this week. Please send or drop off envelopes with student scantrons: District Rd Services, attn. Sabrina. If you have questions or need to send forms electronically, please send to: facultyevals@peralta.edu . Please do not send inquiries to Sabrina directly. This will allow for better tracking and follow-up.
- Bianca: Coser Update:
 - The course order for COSER can be found here:
<https://www.merritt.edu/coser/degrees/>
 - We are currently in the "third" semester though I type it that way because there is no particular order of semester that students must take the courses. This (third) semester can be their first semester. The courses have some overlap and repeating core themes so that there is not a feeling of missing out if they start in any semester other than the one labeled "first".
 - Students are required to do 9 units of cooperative work experience (coser 476c). This course is offered every semester. However, first semester students are highly discouraged from taking this course as they would not be ready. Exceptions to this would be students who have previous experience in the field or current employment. It is not unusual for folks to come and do this program when they have already been in the field as a Registered Counselor for sometime.
 - Why do students need to take PE classes for the program?
 - Dr. Love and Professor Newton recognized the uniqueness of our student population. Many if not most were students in recovery from addiction. Incorporating PE was their way of ensuring that they had less "idle" time and would enjoy the therapeutic benefits of exercise. It was also a way for students to see the benefit of physical exercise as a skill to teach their potential future clients.
 - However, I am currently working on updating the program and the PE classes will be removed from the course list. The certificate will have only COSER classes and then the degree will likely have additional classes like Health and maybe some Health Navigation courses. Further I will be creating another certificate course with lower unit requirements for students who want to work as a Substance Use Disorder Case Manager. - will take a year to update

- District Wide Counseling Meeting- preferred date is Nov 22, but back up dates are Nov 9 or 16- which are during peak reg periods
 - Should we have this meeting only once a year?
 - Group: Once a year, but prefer Spring
 - Frances- we might have had two because of needing professional development obligations - will follow up on this

Dean's Corner:

- Safety Meeting- Town Hall- 600 people filled out the survey- 69% said people felt safe- the least safe campuses noted were 1. Laney and 2. Merritt
- Met with New HSI Director- Jorge- will be attending one of our counseling meetings in the future
- Planning Summit might be merging with Flex in the future

Guest Speaker: Victor Littles and Matthew Witemyre

- Victor Littles- Adult Education- He is the first point of contact for students needing support with a GED or non high school diploma
 - Also works with with transition individuals who are formerly incarcerated, underemployed, ESL students
 - Helps students who need GED or do not have a high school diploma
 - Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED do not get financial aid and are assessed fees- not a problem this semester because fall is free. He works with students to reverse their fees which is a long and difficult process taking a year or longer. Therefore it's important to make a referral to him first.
 - Students need to do a separate application
 - DO NOT register them in classes- please refer them to Victor Littles and do a paper application
 - After the students are enrolled in a high school or GED program, they are considered HS students so classes will then be free for him and the program will encourage them to sign them
 - GED Program is free- if you have them sign up a regular way, they have to get their fees are reversed and this is a long process. Final note- please refer to Victor Littles first by email (preferred) or cell.
- Maria Einaudi OACE Transition Liaison 510-545-2757
 - help students with no high school diploma or GED go to community college and assist with training programs.
 - Trying to grow association.
 - Victor notifies Maria once he gets connected with the students
 - Classes are free- have options in Spanish and English- do not have more options for languages because of testing services

- Most students are first encouraged to do their ESL classes first
- High school equivalency covers GED testing and also helps students that just dropped out with a few units left to go- they have an online teacher
- Program is open enrollment- there is not an assigned date
- <https://www.ousd.org/Page/9245>
- Various locations- Including in person and online classes- classes at Laney- all times various
- Spaces are limited- could be put on the waitlist if full
- Matthew Witemyre- Landscape Horticulture Department at Merritt- Cannabis Department- Case4Cannabis- partnership with them for job training
 - Contract ED - fee based classes with job training - city of Oakland has an equity program - target population is formerly incarcerated- will provide additional details later
 - Bridge to Cannabis - Cannabis Cultivation for English Learners
 - Have two non credit certificates
 - Provide students with a non-credit prep pathway into the cannabis cultivation industry and cannabis entrepreneurship
 - Target populations
 - Intermediate level english learners
 - English speakers ready to learn conversational spanish
 - Prospective students previously negatively impacted by the war on drugs and mass incarceration
 - Goal is to have this done in December and goal to open is Fall 2024 to offer the certificate
 - 6-8 week program for entry level cannabis jobs including processor, harvester, and trimmer
 - Intermediate Advanced Cannabis Certificate Program
 - Partnership with Lao Community Development
 - National Hispanic Cannabis Council
- Cheryl Eccles- ESL instructor from Merritt and Laney
 - Working with Matthew and his non-credit courses and learning with English
 - ESOL 590- support class that include topics to help students not feel alone and practice their academic skills

Program & Committee Updates:

- Articulation: Steve's updates:
 - If a class is currently on IGETC, it will be fine for Calgetc with the exception of Comm. All comm classes have to be resubmitted for evaluation.

- Career: Sara's updates:
 - HealthPATH internship- for Peralta students- deadline is October 4- please refer to email and career center website
 - Informational interview for students interested in a career in law- October 7- please refer to email and career center website
 - General Laborer job fair- September 30- SF public works- also on CC website
 - Job fair in Pleasanton on October 5- also on CC website
 - HACU National Internship Program- will table on Friday October 6 from 10-12
 - Question was asked about JcPenney and Career Workshops- attached fliers to the email
 - Question was also asked about headshots for students- suggested JcPenney resource as a cost, but stated I would follow up and see of free resources

- Centro Latino:
 - No updates

- EOPS:
 - No updates

- FYE: Rosa's Updates:
 - FYE students will get priority registration November 8- sent Silvia list of students to be added for this year

- Puente: Jose's Updates:
 - Puente will be visiting 2 universities this Fall: UCD 10/21 and CSUEB 11/15- only Puente students as of now can attend
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- Matriculation: Lesley's Updates:
 - Reminder- if you have a student who has an enrollment hold that is blocking enrollment- feel free to release it as we do not want students prevented from adding classes
 - Current Students- do not release it unless they have an abbreviated plan and have gone to orientation with Maria Spencer
 - Noticed error in catalog for Histotech Program- says COPED class is optional, but it is required- Feather is aware of the issue and fixing it. She

is trying to do another certificate/degree without this being required.
COPEP is contingent upon having open clinical sites.

- Certification is rarely required in most academic research and biotech industry settings where the majority of our students find employment. This is why we can continue to train students, and they find employment.

- SAS: France's and Veronica's updates:
 - CE Committee - Veronica was asked if she is ok to be on the CE Committee since she is not a general counselor- was informed she should not because she is in SAS- the group agreed that Veronica can serve on the committee and provide us updates

- Transfer:
 - No updates

- Umoja/Sankofa:
 - No updates

- Veterans:
 - No updates

Next Week's Speaker:

Stefani de Vito
Nursing