



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2009

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Allen, Pantell, Mendez, Scurry, Ilarde, McLean, Zielke, Bettencourt, Ciddio, Alarcón, De Coursey; Bueno, Denton, Elliott (interns). Guest: Gladys Stout, UC Santa Cruz

1. UCSC Stout presented on admission criteria for several majors, stressing importance of students listing entire academic history. Contact information is 510-549-3297 and admissions3@UCSC.edu Contact her directly w/ questions or for more information.
2. M.A.P Report McLean reported on just-completed trip to Washington D.C. to attend Black Congressional Caucus panel on African-American males in higher education. Panel group very well-received. McLean made short presentation and then turned discussion over to student reps who were very impressive. Attendance was standing room only and most stayed for entire 2-hour presentation. Merritt contingent introduced and sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.
3. Transfer Report Ilarde reported on Transfer Day. Highest turnout of students ever and 4-year reps said they were very pleased w/ turnout and coordination. Also reported on UCLA Information Session Wednesday, 9/30/09 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Student Lounge. Will also be offering Nursing Transfer Workshops 10/7 & 11/4 (general info) and 10/13 & 11/4 (CSU specific). Discussed recent update to Nursing Transfer Guide. Even though guide updated regularly, important to remind students to check ASSIST and see counselor for current information.
4. Centro Latino Report Zielke, Bettencourt, Mendez, and Alarcón gave very detailed presentation on Centro Latino, its focus and the range of services it provides. Considerable discussion about AB 540 scope and limitations, especially as related to financial aid. Stressed importance of making latino/a students feel welcome and supported, especially those who are English language learners, first-generation students, and/or undocumented.
5. New Business
 - HUSV grid. Pantell distributed grid showing courses at BCC and Merritt that will be acceptable in lieu of Merritt HUSV courses (and vice versa). Will post on Counselor web site.
 - Stupid Question: What's the difference between a B.A. degree and an A.B. degree? See e-mail for answer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.