



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2003

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Blackwell, Zielke, McLean, Shriver, Pantell, Allen, Crutchfield. Guest: Robert Hickerson, UC Davis Outreach Representative.

1. UC Davis Transfer Information Hickerson gave general presentation about transfer to UC Davis. UCD admitted about 20 Merritt students in 03-04. Reminder that there is no direct admission into several majors i.e. Managerial Econ [Business], Design, etc.)—students are admitted into a pre-major and then into the full major when prereqs are completed after transfer. 2 types of major prep agreements posted on ASSIST: 1) screening for Selective Majors which lists the minimum eligibility requirements to even apply and be considered for admission to the major and, 2) full lower division major prep requirements. UCD plans to introduce a film minor (expected for 04-05) and eventually a film major—likely theory based vs. applied, although will have an internship built in to give students practical experience. Will also be adding a 4th College, Biological Sciences, to go w/ existing 3 Colleges. Reminder that UC does not allow a transfer student to acquire more than 80 units if even one of those units was obtained somewhere other than a California Community College (i.e. at another 4-year school, whether UC, CSU, or Independent). If all transfer units were obtained at California Community Colleges, students can acquire as many units as they'd like, even though they can only transfer 70 units. If they've acquired more than 70 units (and they're all from a CCC), they can receive subject credit but not unit credit for units over 70. Why students should consider Davis:

- More graduate schools than other UC
- Large variety of majors
- High graduation rates, primarily due to strong student support services such as tutoring
- Strong research opportunities
- Excellent access to faculty
- Many internship programs for practical, hands-on experience
- Many student-run activities such as coffee shop, activity center, etc.
- Strong athletic programs, particularly for women (named strongest women's athletic program 2 years in a row by Sports Illustrated)
- Good balance between theory and application in most programs
- Decent on-campus housing, although mostly for freshmen (only 50 sites for transfers last year)

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.