



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2002

Meeting convened at 11:05 a.m. In attendance: Blackwell, Zielke, McLean, Crutchfield, Shriver, Pantell, Taylor, Allen, DeCoursey, Scurry, Wong, Debra Jacks, Yvonne Lawrence, Intern White, Advisors Chantel & Adam.

1. New Assessment Cut Scores Shriver & Lawrence reviewed new cutoff scores for COMPASS English exam. Scores raised for both Reading & Writing subtests after consultation w/ English faculty who felt many students coming into ENGL 1A under prepared. These scores will be in effect for 11/02 assessments for S03 enrollments. Sub-committee will meet again to review Math scores to be used for SU03 enrollmen
2. New Counseling Faculty Positions Shriver & Pantell reviewed final draft & got input from group prior to presentation this afternoon.
3. PCCD Counselor Training Merritt rep McLean gave update. Training set for 11/20 & 21, will start @ 8:30 a.m. each day, and end at either 3 or 3:30 p.m. depending on agenda. Location still not set—likely to be either Merritt or COA. Most of Merritt counseling faculty asked to be presenters in collaboration w/ other counselors from other PCCD schools.
4. Early Alert Modification Discussion of addition to existing Early Alert program to involve counseling and instructional faculty w/ students whose behavior/progress continues to be of concern after initial Early Alert interventions.
5. Other Business
 - ♦ Zielke reported that Merritt's LVN program has denied use of Los Medanos' BIOSC 30, Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology, to clear A&P admission requirement. Letter from Merritt's VNUR dept. chair said insufficient lecture time and 3 units vs. 4. Suggestion made to ask Merritt's LVN program to prepare grid showing acceptable courses for prerequisites from local feeder schools. Also reported that Option 2 of ADN admissions (for applicants already possessing LVN) is still in effect.
 - ♦ Blackwell reported on Transfer Day (10/29/02, 9 a.m. to Noon). All students w/ 45 units rec'd invitation; students w/ 2.8 GPA & 30 units rec'd invitation from UC. Counselors asked to help make 4-year school reps welcome and to be sure to wear colors or insignia of schools from which they graduated.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.