



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2004

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: McLean, Zielke, Wong, Blackwell, Allen, Scurry, Shriver, White, Taylor, Crutchfield, Datz MacEwan (intern). Guest: Siri Brown, African-American Studies.

- 1. African-American Studies** Dr. Brown presented on how an African-American Studies major can be used in the labor market, suggesting using it either as a stand-alone major, a double major, or a minor. Also presented on goals for AFRAM curriculum as well as Study Abroad course in Jamaica 8/1 to 8/11/05. Deadline for Jamaica course deposit is 12/6/04--see Dr. Brown for more information.
 - 2. Articulation Report** Pantell gave artic report (see report posted on web site). Also discussed notation of "EDS" on PCCD transcript, which signifies an AA in Liberal Arts conferred unilaterally by the district to students who have acquired enough units to earn the degree. Students can refuse the degree (there are implications for financial aid) but must do so in writing to PCCD A&R.
 - 3. Transfer Report** Blackwell announced a counselor breakfast sponsored by UC Santa Cruz on 11/18/04 at the Foster City Crowne Plaza. Contact Blackwell or UCSC directly for more information. Also reported on visit to Mills and UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies meetings. Discussion about concurrent enrollment at UC Berkeley: be sure to review as much information about an intended course w/ a student (i.e. course syllabus) before enrollment to ensure appropriate placement.
 - 4. Veterans Program** Taylor gave update on details and requirements of Merritt's Veteran's Program. Important that students know they can change their major but must do so in writing each time. Refer students, or contact Taylor directly, for more information about this and other Veteran's Program information.
- 2. Announcements**
- Allen handed out 2 documents from CHDEV program: 1) Courses in the program that address different areas of interest in Child Development field and, 2) organizations approved by State of California to evaluate foreign transcripts.
 - Zielke handed out flyer on Hispanic Scholarship Fund. See Zielke for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.