

**MERRITT COLLEGE
MEETING MINUTES**



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Date: 3/19/2018 Time: 1:30 pm Location: R 112A

Attendees: Allen, Zielke, Salceda, Moy, de Vito, Ciddio, Scurry, Wong (intern)

Allotted Time	Topic	Person(s) Responsible
	<p>Project Success <i>Project Success is a program designed by the US Dept of Ed to improve performance and student outcomes by providing emergency aid to qualified students. Merritt is a part of this three year pilot. Can be requested for bills students can't pay, for a maximum of \$500 for the year. Funds are not paid directly to the student but to a third party such as PG&E, housing, an auto repair shop. A flyer has been placed in everyone's mailbox who did not attend the meeting. There is a link on Merritt's special programs and grants webpage.</i></p> <p>iGRAD <i>iGrad is an online financial literacy platform that provides students with money management tools and resources. Some of the features include financial literacy courses, games and resources, videos, exercises and post-testing, job search and scholarship search. It is self-paced and student's complete modules as they are able.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Chavez added: Let me know if the collective team would like to participate in providing the modules as a component of their class. The more students we expose to the information/opportunity we will have a greater impact. At the end of the modules the student obtains a certificate acknowledging their completion.</i></p> <p><i>Please see Dr. Chavez for more information about either program.</i></p>	Dr. Chavez
	<p>CSUEB update <i>EB is reaching impaction status but students from Alameda County will not be affected.</i></p> <p><i>New: \$110 pre-enrollment fee to reserve slot at East Bay.</i></p> <p><i>Transfer orientation is mandatory.</i></p> <p><i>July 15th is the final transcript deadline.</i></p> <p><i>Scholarships: Csueb.edu/scholarships is a helpful website</i></p> <p><i>Remedial classes are no longer being offered. Support pre-Bachelor classes will be paired with English and Math.</i></p> <p><i>Sixty-one percent of their students are first generation.</i></p> <p><i>AD-T's are very important since campus is impacted.</i></p> <p><i>75% of all Nursing students are transfer students.</i></p> <p><i>There are some exceptions to the 60 unit, golden 4 rules for Veterans.</i></p>	Salceda
	<p>Puente National Conference update <i>Puente will now be in middle schools, high schools, and colleges.</i></p> <p><i>Jose attended several workshops but reported on three: Cultural Wealth, Developing SEPs, and Males of Color.</i></p> <p><i>Please see him for more information.</i></p>	Salceda

	<p>Update on hiring 3SP Counselor/Coordinator <i>The position will be paid from Fund 1. It is currently moving through the signature process.</i></p>	Zielke
	<p>-Counseling supplies last call -Volunteer for Saturday, April 21 9-12 Open House @ Merritt event <i>Is anyone interested in volunteering to table this event?</i></p>	Scurry
	<p>Standing Items: 1. Reports from programs: Puente, Sankofa, FYE, Veterans, SAS, EOPS, Athletics, Transfer Center, Centro Latino, 3SP, etc. <i>Puente</i> will host a Cesar Chavez event on Wednesday, March 28th from 12-2 in the student lounge. There will be a keynote address and food. <i>Students will go to UCD in April.</i> <i>Priority reg is April 11th.</i> <i>Jose went to Aspire Golden Gate College Prep Academy and spoke to two classroom of students (35 each and 70 total).</i></p> <p><i>Transfer Center</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Lots of reps here this week, please encourage students to visit them (Flyer)</i> <i>2. UC announcements will roll out in less than 2 weeks - early April, so please remember to add to the google sheet students that have been accepted we need the data!</i> <i>3. CSU has already been rolling out their acceptance - please remind the students to COMMIT otherwise their acceptance will be rescinded.</i> <i>4. Please take some time to review your students Spring classes for transfer when they see you</i> <i>5. EOPs recommendations - online navigation is very challenging for the counselor or recommender, so prepare a head of time for submission</i> <i>6. Software Glitch in TAG GPA calculation and UC is aware of this - if student feel it is incorrect, email directly to the school and they will work on it manually</i> <i>7. Guided pathways - Transfer Center Counselor are not agreeable to adding "advisors" to program - some colleges already moving towards this direction and TCD is questioning this. How do we feel at Peralta?</i> <p><i>We don't think it fits with the community college model. There is a lack of understanding regarding the students we serve. Most are undecided.</i> <i>More survey classes are needed to explore majors such as Radsci 1A and Nutr 1.</i></p> <p>SAS <i>On May 1st Oakland Unified students will be at Merritt doing an orientation and registering for classes.</i></p> <p>EOPS <i>In May EOPS will be accepting applications for the fall.</i></p>	All

	<p>Standing Items: 2. Committee reports <i>The Senate is selling chocolate in an effort to raise student scholarship money.</i></p> <p><i>Three counselors are on the 3SP committee: de Vito, Moy and Scurry</i></p> <p><i>Guided Pathways Steering Committee needs more counselors. Only two counselors were at the district meeting 3/16.</i></p> <p><i>Fruitvale services will be moving to the third floor of the current building but a new location is being sought.</i></p>	All
	<p>Standing Item: 3. SLOs: 63 total surveys received 4. Prepare for Siri and Cassandra's SAO information. Has anyone had a chance to practice yet? If not, please do so prior to next Monday's meeting.</p>	Zielke
	<p>Announcements District Wide Counseling Meeting Thursday, April 26th at College of Alameda. Time 9-3. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP on behalf of Merritt. -Professional Day March 22nd and Strategic Planning Summit March 23rd. Please email your RSVP to MerrittPresident@peralta.edu, no later than TODAY. The Summit will be held in P-307 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served. -Undocumented Student Summit next Monday, March 26th from 2-5 at the district. Please let the chairs know if you are attending. We have guests coming to the dept meeting that day.</p>	All

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