



MERRITT COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3/25/2019 Time: 1:30 pm Location: R 112A

Attendees: Pantell, Scurry, de Vito, Allen, Ciddio, Zielke

Allotted Time	Topic	Person(s) Responsible
1:30-1:45	<p>Road Trip Nation <i>Pantell demonstrated how to use Roadtrip Nation, which is a career assistance tool Merritt currently has a subscription to. Here is a blur from their website:</i> <i>“[Young adults] talk with professionals of every kind and ask the questions no one is asking—honest questions about their struggles, successes, and how they figured out the age-old dilemma, “What should I do with my life?”</i></p> <p><i>From video game designers to lawyers, sports journalists to STEM professionals, and everything in between, we seek out untold stories and shared them. These stories form the basis of our career exploration products—including an educational curriculum, personalized online tools, video content, bestselling books, and live events. Together, these tools create a diverse and relevant collection of resources showing young people the vast scope of careers and possibilities.”</i></p> <p><i>If you would like an account, please email Steve but keep in mind that even without an account, you can still do almost everything on the site. You just can’t see entire videos—you can only see short excerpts. If you want to see entire videos, you have to sign in.</i></p> <p><i>Other than that, everything on the site is free and accessible to anyone.</i></p>	Pantell
1:45-1:55	<p>AB705 Flex Day Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Milestones for English and Math/Linked classes. <i>Do not clear milestones/prerequisites for linked classes. As long as the student has both the English or math class as well as the support class in their shopping cart, passport will let them enroll in both.</i> -Guided self placements for English and math. <i>Both departments have provided guided self placements which will be emailed to all counselors and discussed at an upcoming meeting.</i> -Dropping linked support classes. 	Scurry/ Zielke

	<p><i>If a student tries to drop a linked math or English support class but not the math or English transfer level class, the system will not let the student and will provide an error message.</i></p> <p><i>-”Promise” initiatives.</i></p> <p><i>Marty reviewed the previously emailed (on 2/5/19 subject: Promise Initiatives) handout on the different promise initiatives.</i></p>	
1:55-2:00	<p>IGETC/Breadth Certification follow up</p> <p><i>Issue regarding the location of GE Breadth Certification on student transcripts was discussed at CFT and there has been no complaints from students or universities about having difficulty location it. Most school put the notation at the bottom of the transcript as a statement of completion.</i></p>	Scurry
2:00-2:05	<p>Starfish connect pilot participants</p> <p><i>Minh is looking for counselors who are interesting in piloting Starfish Connect for their students instead of SARS.</i></p>	Zielke/Scurry
2:05-2:10	<p>Intern anyone?</p> <p><i>If anyone is interested in having an intern, please let us know.</i></p>	Scurry
2:10-2:20	<p>Standing Items:</p> <p>1. Reports from programs: Puate, Sankofa, FYE, Veterans, SAS, EOPS, Athletics, Transfer Center, Centro Latino, SEA, etc.</p> <p><i>No updates</i></p>	All
2:20-2:40	<p>Standing Items:</p> <p>2. Committee reports</p> <p><i>No updates</i></p>	All
2:40-2:50	<p>Standing Item:</p> <p>3. SLOAC report</p> <p>4. Survey count = 66/100</p>	Zielke
2:50	<p>Announcements</p> <p>-AB705 Meeting April 12th @ De Anza College</p> <p>-April 10th Open House Event</p> <p>-May 9th District Wide Counseling Meeting @ Laney</p>	All