



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2009

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: McLean, Scurry, Khoo, Allen, Pantell, Mendez, Ilarde, Coplan, Discua, Bettencourt. Guest: Ami Ready, Golden Gate University

1. **Golden Gate University** Ready gave overview of student profiles and programs. Typical student is 34 years old working adult. Tend to be very career oriented and get individualized services from career coach. 4 undergrad degrees in 3 schools: 1) Business Management and Business Administration; 2) Information Technology, and; 3) Accounting. Also offer 11 undergrad certificates. Will be offering weekend undergrad program F09. On semester system: 3, 16-week trimesters. All classes available online as well as classroom.
2. **New Student Entry** Discussed different approaches to how students enter Merritt. Scurry and Pantell presented on program at COA, combining an extended COUN 200A (assessment, orientation, and attendance at different workshops on a “Super Saturday”). Allen also raised idea of “First Year Experience” based on conversation w/ VPI Berry. Discussed possibility of cohort of students and classes, taking College Success (24, 224, or combined 24/224), assessment, an English or Math, and courses of interest and/or in intended major for full-time load. Allen gathered responses and will discuss w/ Berry.
3. **Transfer Report** Ilarde reported on new UC admissions policy for entering freshmen to start in 2012 and potential impact on CCC transfer. Consequences unknown but may result in more students trying to enter UC through transfer vs. freshmen.
4. **New Business**
 - Discussed Allied Health flyer. Ilarde will consolidate CNA info into her info sheet. McLean will add prerequisite info to Merritt programs. Pantell will reformat flyer and present to group.
 - Final RSVP for district Counseling meeting 4/9/09 at Laney
 - Pantell reported on Year Up, a work-readiness, computer training and apprenticeship program offered in San Francisco. Free to anyone between 18-25 who has either HS diploma or GED. For more info, see www.yearup.org
 - McLean reported on success of student he'd seen, along w/ others in Counseling Department, who'd started out angry and upset but had persisted and now has acceptances from Howard and Xavier, and still waiting to hear from UC Berkeley and UC Davis.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.