



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2011

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Scurry, Allen, Pantell, Zielke, Ilarde, McLean, De Coursey, Ciddio, Khoo, Paniagua (intern).

1. **F11 Schedule** Pantell asked for confirmation of intended days/hours of contract faculty. Also discussed prep for F11 triage. Assignments as follows:

- triage form: Pantell
- floor tape: Scurry and Pantell (check w/ Khoo/Zielke for leftovers)
- theater stanchions: all
- form file box prep: Scurry

2. **New Business**

- Pantell gave artic report including 11-12 advising sheets and new programs/courses for 11-12
- Allen encouraged everyone to vote for department chair by deadline this Friday, 5/13
- Pantell confirmed co-chairs would recommend to VPSS department's wish to implement online counseling pilot for F11 and if approved, Pantell would take lead; Zielke also expressed interest
- McLean reported on M.A.P. conference on African-American males in leadership this Wednesday, 5/11 in Student Lounge
- Ilarde reported on UC appeals process for those students denied admission. UC only considers appeals that provide new or compelling information beyond what was included in original app. Letters of support from faculty, managers, or others can be persuasive.
- McLean raised issue of Merritt's schedule of courses making it difficult for students to get a full schedule; overlaps of times, even by as little as five minutes, often blocks students from getting classes they want
- Pantell asked for feedback about what to suggest to students who are denied admission to ADN Program. Some thoughts/suggestions:
 - apply to private institutions (i.e. Samuel Merritt (accepts in spring), USF, U. of Southern Nevada)
 - if close on GPA, consider taking add'l ENGL or BIOL courses to raise GPA and reapply next year
 - consider other allied health: Respiratory Therapy at Oholone; Radiation Therapy at CCSF; NUTR at Merritt; Social Work (so at least working in medical setting); Radiology program at Kaiser; Ultrasound Tech at Lincoln U. in Oakland, etc.
 - consider getting Bachelor's in Health Science (or related field) & then applying for MSN programs that take applicants w/ Bachelor's degrees
 - consider paramedic, EMT, or other closely-related field
 - consider Physician's Assistant program at UC Davis

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.