

**MERRITT COLLEGE  
MEETING MINUTES**



**COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

Date: 9/24/2018                      Time: 1:30 pm                      Location: R 112A

Attendees: Ross, Perez, de Vito, Ciddio, Salceda, Allen, Pantell, Moy, Scurry

<b>Allotted Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>
1:30-1:40	<p>Cybersecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The target recruitment age is 18-24 year olds.</li> <li>-Two years of high school algebra is helpful to be successful in the program. If this has not been completed, Math 203 is recommended.</li> <li>-Merritt is the only California community college that offers an Associates degree in Cybersecurity.</li> <li>-There are many job openings now for students and the program helps with job recruitment and placement.</li> <li>-Facebook is a good partner and provides paid internships.</li> <li>-Tutoring is available for students in the program.</li> </ul>	Scott
1:40-1:50	<p>Guided Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Four pillars. Two of them have counseling leads (Ciddio and Mclean).</li> <li>-There is a campus wide training 10/5.</li> <li>- Participants: Moy, Ciddio, de Vito, Allen</li> <li>-de Vito will send out two links from CCSF and Bakersfield that have guided pathways models.</li> </ul>	DeVito
1:50-2:00	<p>HS Counselor Conference 9/28, 8am-12:30 @ Merritt</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to train high school counselors in financial aid topics. Volunteer: Ciddio for two hours. Scurry is available 9:30-11:30.</p>	Perez
2:00-2:10	<p>AB 705 upcoming meeting tomorrow:</p> <p>Participants: Scurry only</p>	Scurry
2:10-2:20	<p>District wide counselor meeting date</p> <p>October 25<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date. Laney will host and BCC has confirmed this date will work for them. However at least two Merritt counselors will have to miss it (Salceda and de Vito) since they have to participate in Merritt flex day activities. COA has not yet responded.</p>	Scurry
2:20-2:30	<p>Standing Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reports from programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Puente, Sankofa, FYE, Veterans, SAS, EOPS, Athletics, Transfer Center, Centro Latino, 3SP, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Veterans: A grant of an unknown amount has been received for a Veterans Resource Center. The difficulty now is finding space on campus. Research shows that Vets do better when there is a place specifically for them to do paperwork (in one area), ease the transition to civilian life by belonging to a group with shared experiences and when they feel like they are a part of a family and not alone. More free community services would also be available if we had a resource center.</p>	All

2:30-2:40	<p>Standing Items:</p> <p>2. Committee reports</p> <p><i>None. However an issue for students who have Associates degrees outside of PCCD and want a Radsc certificate will be brought up at the next CFT meeting. In the meantime, be aware that students will be denied the certificate option if their Associates degree is not from a PCCD campus or if they don't have all of our local GE areas satisfied.</i></p>	All
	<p>Standing Item:</p> <p>3. SLOs: 0 surveys received.</p> <p>4. Go over each of our programs SLOs.</p>	<i>Tabled</i>
2:40-2:50	<p>Announcements</p> <p>-Priority registration begins 11/13.</p> <p>-Transfer Day 10/8: <i>Salceda will be bringing his class to transfer day.</i></p>	All

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