



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2005

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Shriver, Zielke, Blackwell, Pantell, Cannady, Wong, Taylor, Allen, Scurry, Crutchfield, DeCoursey. Guest: Sandra Zehaye, Child Development Department.

1. **Merritt Child Development** Zehaye gave update on developments in CHDEV Department. Outside initiatives promoting requirement for degrees (either AA or BA) for all child development workers. Important for students w/ CHDEV as educational goal to have Student Ed Plan that is tailored to their needs. Zehaye also invited counselor(s) to come to their retreat October 22, specifically to talk about Early Alert Program.
2. **Transfer Report** Blackwell reported on application assistance workshops this and next month. Also discussed IGETC & CSU GE certification petitions and procedures. Also reported on counselor conference at SFSU that addressed following points about Social Work major: 1) requires supplemental application beyond general SFSU app; 2) application requires personal statement similar to UC's; 3) typically admit 40 students each fall; 4) when students apply to SFSU and declare Social Work as intended major, they're directed to Social Work website for add'l information. Discussion about importance of students noting they are part of a disabled students' program, or are requesting disability accommodations, on the that SFSU app by marking "DPRC" in appropriate spot.
3. **Articulation Report** Pantell gave artic report noted in artic notes.
4. **New Business**
 - Shriver will check on counselors' responsibilities for Professional Day (10/19/05)
 - Get questions/comments about student records in PeopleSoft to Joseph Bielanski at Vista/District Academic Senate
 - Clarification from Shriver, after consulting w/ CIS Department Chair and Division II Dean that CIS 1 is **not** eligible for Credit By Exam (re: comments in current catalog about admission to Rad Tech program)
 - To access courses in COA's 1/06 Intersession, use F06 on current mainframe

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.