



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2006

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Zielke, Pantell, Blackwell, Shriver, Scurry, Westbrook (intern). Guests: Barbara Joans, Anthropology; Carmen Jordan-Cox, Vice President of Student Services.

1. **Anthropology** Joans gave an update on the ANTHR courses. Two things of note:
 - Re: ANTHR 2, Archaeology is only career in which you can find work w/ AA degree. Can work on archaeology digs as a “dirt bum”, helping w/ logistics. Paid at GS 5 level (Federal employment).
 - Re: ANTHR 30, Anthro Museum, if students want to take it for other than 3 units (it’s variable units- 1-5), have them register for 3 and then talk to Joans about work required to get more units.
2. **VPSS Update** Jordan-Cox gave brief update on move to R Bldg--on track w/ move prep beginning w/in the week. Also discussed training of all counselors (full- and part-time). Suggestion to get some basic transfer information into writing as a training resource for all counselors.
3. **Transfer Report** Blackwell reported on the following:
 - Cañada College has reciprocal Nursing Program w/ SFSU. Very competitive but option to consider for students who don’t get into our program.
 - UC Irvine has BSN program, along w/ other health related majors for students who don’t get into Nursing programs.
 - Medical schools do not accept academic renewal--count only the first time a student takes a course (don’t even average the two grades if course repeated). Important to counsel students about permanence of everything on their transcripts.
 - Reminder that, while UC Systemwide has minimum GPA requirement of 2.4 to apply, individual campuses and majors have different requirements, often higher (i.e. L&S at Berkeley requires 3.0).
 - Re: Transfer Day (10/31), 8 depts. currently have signed up for a table. Spread the word. Will be 2 high schools attending (Merritt and Mandela).
 - Application workshops have low enrollment so far. Schedule is posted on Merritt page of website. Encourage students to attend as application season gets fully underway.
4. **New Business**
 - Zeilke reported on Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) observances on 11/1/06. Invitation to participate in ceremony from 11 a.m. to Noon in D-181 (in Learning Center).
 - Blackwell reported on last Academic Senate meeting in which new position funding was discussed. Chancellor Harris will be reviewing all requests for new positions and will be looking for productivity numbers as justification.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.