



## Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2010

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: McLean, Scurry, Ilarde, Allen, Pantell, Zielke, Ciddio.

### I. New Business

- SLO Assessments: Check-in on status for 10-11. Continuing to assess department SLOs but reminder to gather as many as possible throughout year. COUN assessments will begin SII but suggestion to prepare and plan now.
- PCCD Counseling meeting check in. Room reserved, food ordered, minutes assigned, sign-in and name tags assigned. McLean will step in for Khoo to make sure equipment is there (2 mics and LCD projector; Pantell will bring laptop).
- Committee representation. McLean reported he sits on CEMPC and district Education committee. Will be leaving both in January and suggested someone from Counseling replace him. Discussion about committee representation and agreement to revisit at next meeting to see about membership. Allen will gather list of committees and Pantell will bring sample sign-up sheet used by other departments.
- Transfer. Ilarde reported SFSU Nursing program now requiring ONLY TEAS v. 5; duel 2/4/11; will present UC application workshop tomorrow; encourages all to do TAGs for CSU EB, even if confident of admit.
- Centro Latino. Still working w/ district and Financial Aid re: requirement for students to provide SSA# to receive BOG Waiver; Dia de los Muertos spirited and wonderful but wider campus participation would have been desirable; Zielke has info on 6-week Green Training Program (free) and position(s) for bi-lingual tutors (Spanish) through Spanish Speaking Citizen's Federation.
- M.A.P. Has stretched budget to end of December 2010 but no money thereafter. Reported on tragic death and funeral of Kamron Bluitt-Edwards tomorrow.
- DSP&S. Ciddio reported they've hired person to help students w/ online applications and registration. Students can drop in to P-306 every Tuesday and Thursday between 12:30 & 4:30--no appointment needed and service is free.

2. Mental Health Discussion about importance of counselors' self-care in time of immense pressure from all areas. McLean reminded about EAP service provided through district benefits office. Agreement to remain aware of this issue and to consider semester-end gathering to acknowledge work done.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.