

## **9/16/24: Counseling Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Sanchez, Castaneda, Towle, Castro, Moy, Alturk, Ross, Scurry and Perez

### **Check In (Icebreaker)**

One word that describes how you are feeling right now.

### **Counseling Updates/Accreditation**

A conversation took place amongst the counselors regarding the Dean being in the counseling meetings. Counselors agreed to invite the dean to department meetings only when needed.

For questions/concerns in Counseling, please be sure to email both Co-Chairs. Miscommunication is happening because counselors are only reaching out to one of the chairs.

Accreditation- SAO's are due for Centro Latino & Sankofa Counseling. Co-Chairs discussed following up with MZ to make sure it is completed this semester. MZ updated us that anything due at the current 3 year mark is considered current. FYE & COUN 57 (all 3) are currently at the 3 year mark. Co-Chairs discussed working on them. Co-Chairs reviewed the cycles for the different programs and shared the timeline. Counselors asked if Nathan could come to a counseling meeting for training. Co-Chairs will f.u.

Our Evaluation Plan was submitted to Inga. If you have not already, please make sure you are reaching out to the counselor you plan to be evaluating to let them know they are going to be evaluated. Inga confirmed that we can split the classroom and counseling observation. RPF and DR will observe the classroom observation this semester and do the counseling observation next semester for both RCG and OS. All evaluations are due December 6th.

MEDAS 470F- Adoria mentioned to SA during the MCCC that students should not be enrolling in MEDAS 470F without MEDAS 101A, 101B, 102A, and 102B & HLTOC 110 & 201. SA mentioned last year there was not any required prereqs in the course, but when we checked the current catalog, MEDAS 101A, 101B, 102A, and 102B are required. SA mentioned that in the class schedule there is not any listed prereqs and there is not a milestone code either for counselors. VPI mentioned an instructor cannot drop a student if they determine they have not met the prereq for the course, but AW stated that if a student enrolls without the necessary prerequisites it can lead to further complications. The students

may be rejected by clinical sites due to insufficient skills. If no placement is available, the students could end up with a "W" on their record. Counselors working with students should advise these are essential classes and Department is working on updating the current class schedule with the 4 required prereqs and updating the course in Curriculum to add HLTOC 110 and 201. MEDAS 470F should be the last course in the sequence for MEDAS, so please advise accordingly when working with students.

For those working in-person, our current front desk is out sick. Please refer students to the Welcome Center & there will be a sign directing them.

### **Program and Committee Updates**

#### **Articulation/Committee**

No updates

#### **Career/Committee**

SA joined the Curriculum Committee this semester and volunteered to update the Interdisciplinary degrees. SA is meeting with LF on Wednesday to discuss the outline process and will ask for counselor feedback on suggestions. SA discussed how she wants to remove the "IGETC/CSU GE" and "computer literacy" requirement from AA Arts & Humanities and AA Cross Cultural Studies.

Free Virtual Event- So you want to be a lawyer September 28, 2024:

<https://www.cwl.org/so-you-want-to-be-a-lawyer>

Alameda County Social Service Agency is having a job fair Wednesday October 23, 1pm-4pm in Oakland with 30 employers attending. Flyer on career center website

State Department visit to Merritt College- Thursday September 26 2:30-3:30.  
Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer wants to table and speak with our students

#### **Centro Latino/Committee**

No updates

#### **EOPS/Committee**

No updates

#### **FYE/Committee**

No updates

### **Puente/Committee**

Puente Club will begin this Wednesday September 18. They will meet from 11:20-12:20 in P108- all students are welcome. More events will be in October.

### **Matric/Committee**

No updates

### **SAS/Committee**

October 3 12pm-1:30pm, there will be a guest speaker for Disability Awareness Month- The topic will be Racism and Disabilities. This will be in person in the student lounge and lunch will be provided. A flyer will be shared soon.

### **Transfer/Committee**

No updates

### **Umoja/Committee**

No updates

### **Veterans/Committee**

No updates

### **HSI/Committee**

Met with Jorge last week to target students to reach out to. Going to target 1st year students. There will be a guest speaker for HSI on September 25th

### **Guest Speaker: Minda Dudley- MEDAS Program Director**

Minda Dudley- 1st semester as full time program Director- just learning about counseling and admissions

MEDAS 470F- issues with prereqs with the class (see above note)- Previous instructor was turning students away who have not met the prereqs- An instructor cannot do this. They are working on updating the class with Curriculum.

HLTOC 260 is wanting to be eliminated from MEDAS ADMIN and will go through Curriculum to get it approved- PSYCH 1A can be an approved course sub for now

Health Navigator Cert does not have any classes being offered- if students are interested, they should be referred to the Department Chair

Externship needs to be 160 hours completed, but they were not 100% sure?