

10/14/24: Counseling Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Moy, Alturk, Ross, Perez, Castro, Scurry, Castaneda, Allen & Towle

Counseling Updates/Accreditation

Great Shakeout is going to be on Thursday October 17 at 10:17am- GC blocked on schedule. Check in with Departments. More details during Flex.

Lenore McDonald has 1 more scholarship to fund students- \$1,000 per semester. Deadline to apply is October 30th.

Merritt College Counseling Professional Development Day- October 31

Co-Chairs will send a survey out asking what committees counselors are on to update the APU

A&R will not have an extended deadline this semester. All petitions are due Friday October 18. Please utilize any "petition hold" busy event on the calendar to book an appointment or refer students to Sylver.

Guest Speaker: Sasha Financial Aid

- New SAP Appeal form is an eform - on student center to do list to do an appeal
- Students have options to bring paper form or do eform
- If students do eform only- the counselor only has to submit a student education plan and sign it. Students need to utilize the SEP for counselor comments
- Student can choose paper form or eform
- Paper form process is the same
- Do not do any unassigned classes on SEP
- Make sure date is current for that semester
- Eforms is in a trial run and once they are finalized, paper forms will no longer be accepted. Sasha will let us know when this transition happens.
- Please write notes on the paper appeal form or on the SEP for the committee to review.

Guest Speaker: Susana de la Torre A&R

- A&R is in the testing phase for eforms - residency, alleviation, course repetition, excess unit request, AP/IB form. Paper forms are still being accepted.
- 7 business turn around time - students can follow up with A&R if not heard back
- Paper forms are still being used in the spring for degrees/certificates

Program and Committee Updates

Articulation/Committee

N/A

Career/Committee

Cyber Security Job Fair was well attended. SA volunteered Friday morning to support checking students in.

Curriculum Committee:

Departments must submit a justification to the Merritt College Curriculum Committee to keep a local associate degree active when an AD-T within the department is also available, in line with AB 928. The five degrees that have both a local and transfer version are: Anthropology, Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Economics, and Mathematics. The motivation behind this is that as part of AB 928 (CalGETC), students who declare for a major will automatically be placed on the transfer associate degree pathway, if one exists, and would therefore have to opt out of that placement to enter the local associate degree pathway.

So far the responses have been:

Math Department - agreed to deactivate local degree. Will probably be effective Spring 2025, students still have catalog rights

Econ/Busn Department- Unsure of response. Probably not Econ, BUSN maybe will be kept.

Child Development Department- Not heard back- needs brief justification, but this one will probably be kept

Anthropology Department- have not heard back, but probably not going to be kept

Interdisciplinary Degrees- SA is working on updates. Counselor suggestions are:

Health Sciences- change to 1 section to BIO as 1 category and picking 2 classes 18 units. Concerns of students being short units when choosing 1 from each group. Add BIO 23, 25

Social and Behavioral Sciences: Change to choose 2-3 disciplines with 18 units

Natural Sciences: add more science classes. Not make any classes required. 2-3 disciplines

AA Arts/Humanities- change IGETC/CSU to local GE- add more Arts and Humanities classes. Take out COMP Literacy

AA Cross Cultural - change IGETC/CSU to local GE- try and add more options.
SA mentioned most challenging degree

Centro Latino/Committee

N/A

EOPS/Committee

N/A

FYE/Committee

N/A

Puente/Committee

N/A

Matric/Committee

N/A

SAS/Committee

SEA Committee- Angela is taking over- 3-4 proposals - aligned with Equity
Sankofa, Next UP, Black Student Success Center

BIT Committee is changing their day due to a schedule conflict with Dean. Meet twice a week.

Transfer/Committee

N/A

Umoja/Committee

N/A

Veterans/Committee

N/A

HSI/Committee

Grant Evaluator came in to talk about HSI Program