



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2012

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: Pantell, McLean, Allen, Scurry, Zielke (and introduction by Ilarde of Cynthia Taing, project assistant).

1. **Shared Governance Committee Membership** Allen distributed master list of campus committee membership. Counselors reviewed for accuracy and made revisions where needed.
2. **Transfer Degree Update** Ilarde and Pantell gave brief report on current status of AA-T/AS-T degrees on campus, in district, and statewide. Key benefits:
 - . Students w/ transfer degrees are not held to “local” requirements (i.e. Areas 4c and 5 on the AAGE list)
 - . Students w/ transfer degrees cannot be required to complete more than 60 units after transfer to a CSU that offers a degree that has been designated as “similar”. Go to the [CCC Chancellor’s Office web site](#) to find lists of CSUs offering similar majors and those CCCs that have approved transfer degrees.
 - . Students w/ transfer degrees will be given a GPA bump of .1 for admission to impacted majors and .2 for admission to impacted campuses (although there are a number of qualifications about this—more information will be forthcoming).

Merritt currently has one degree approved (COMM) and one pending State approval (ADJUS), w/ a proposal for an AS-T in Business in the works. Pantell and Ilarde will be providing more information in the near future.

3. **Transfer Report** Ilarde reported on movement to standardize nursing admission requirements at all CSUs. Will likely affect core Biology and and Golden 4. Also announced that STEM transfer panel has been postponed until a later date.
4. **New Business**
 - . Scurry announced that hard copy M12 schedules will be available 4/2/12
 - . McLean announced conference on 4/20 w/ career focus (sponsored by Career Advancement Academy) co-led by McLean and Margaret Dixon
 - . Zielke announced presentation at Castlemont HS this Thursday (4/29) on AB 540/130/131—access to community college for undocumented students
 - . Zielke announced working on acquiring TRIO grant to focus on Oakland Unified in areas of STEM (science, technology, Engineering, Math).

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.