

**MERRITT COLLEGE**  
**College Council Meeting**  
**Notes of Meeting**  
**November 19, 2008, 3:00pm, Room R23**

**Attendees:** T. Brice, H. Graham, A. Elliott, D. Jacks, R. Adams, A. Black, C. Allen, C. Olsen, B. Harrison, R. Chamberlain, L. Berry, C. Grampp, T. Branca, J. Shanoski, J. Drinnon, R. Kenney, R. Toliver, S. Thompson, R. Young, P. Smith, , J. Hoyos, T. Park

**Guests:** S. Zehaye, A. Trotter, O. Fangu, G. Van Stowe

**Absent:** A. Powell

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>FOLLOW UP/ACTION</b>
<b>I. Agenda Review</b>	Add additional item after approval of minutes. <b>New Item III – Sustainable Peralta, Jennifer Shanoski.</b>	Approved
<b>II. Approval of October 15, 2008 Minutes</b>	Changes made to section VII - Furniture – Atheria Smith and section VIII - Facilities. VII - “The Chairs have been ordered with Measure A funds to replace damaged chairs.” VIII – There will be a temporary fix pertaining to the AT&T tower for cell usage on campus.	Approved
<b>III. Sustainable Peralta</b>	Discussion of recruiting students, staff and faculty to assist and commit to the April 24, 2009 event. Consideration of the gym was discussed as an alternate location if the event goes public.	T. Branca and H. Graham are to send Jennifer an email pertaining to the conference.
<b><u>IV. Reaffirmation of College Mission Statement</u></b>	<u>No discussion held.</u>	
<b><u>IV. Reaffirmation of College Mission Statement</u></b>	Former statement had no formal recognition. It was suggested that the students engage in a contest to create one for the Fall '09 semester. Motion was moved that the slogan be changed temporarily to “Merritt College, We Change Lives - Begin your future at the top.”	Someone is to speak with Collis regarding the student contest. . All approved new temporary slogan.
<b>V. Proposal to Merritt’s Official Slogan</b>		
<b>VI. Presidents Updates</b>		
A) College (Adams)	President Adams provided the following update:	

	<p>1. Although approximately 1000 financial aid checks were cut, roughly 425 student files are still being reviewed.</p> <p>2. The nursing issue related to students concerns regarding grades was addressed during the November 18, 2008 Board Meeting.</p> <p>3. He is meeting weekly with T. Branca to discuss various topics.</p> <p>4. During the Tenure Track Faculty Luncheon hosted by T. Park, the issue of computers and office space was addressed.</p> <p>5. Open discussion arose regarding mid-year budget cut backs.</p>	
B) Academic Senate (Branca)	T. Branca reported that \$10,000 in scholarships were in the works of being awarded to students. He also posed questions regarding Measure A, it is not transparent enough.	
C) Classified Senate (Graham)	With the budget cutbacks it is hard to reach out to new/current students to compete with other community colleges. The Career Center cannot be strengthened because it is already operating at a deficit.	
D) ASMC (Smith)	Penny reminded the council that a Thanksgiving potluck will be held on Nov. 26, 2008.	
<b>VII. Committee Reports</b>		
A) CEMPC (Berry)	L. Berry passed out a list of recommendations derived from the unit plans and department chairs. These recommendations will be submitted to the board on December 9, 2008. A. Trotter posed many questions regarding the process to advocate for the larger picture.	S. Harding is to email the detailed packet of recommendations to all attendees of the meeting so they can review and offer suggested changes.
B) Technology (Grampp)	Chris reported that the meetings have been very productive and shared with the council the discussion regarding the new computer rooms.	
D) CDCPD (Elliot)	Is training available for the passport system? Many faculty members are unsure how to print rosters and submit grades.	
E) Budget Committee (Black)	A printout of the budget from the passport system needs to be provided. Need to address exactly where the money is.	

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm

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