

## 4/8/24: Counseling Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Allen, Beall, Salceda, Perez, Towle, Alturk, Moy, Ross, Scurry, Castro

### Counseling Updates:

Department Chair nominations will be sent this week per CDCPD- 1 form is needed for the nomination. Rosa and Sara have agreed to be nominated on the one form as cochairs with both names listed and signatures. Other people can be nominated as well.

Math/English- per new SCFF model, taking English and Math within the first year supports with funding along with taking 15 units per semester. Recommend students take English and Math their first semester/year and 15 units each semester (if this is reasonable/appropriate for the student); particularly new high school students who are already used to taking several classes. Funding is critical for the next ten years. A sample ASEP could be:

Engl 1A	4 units or Engl 1AS
Lis 85	2 units (to assist with English research papers)
Math 13	4 units (or Math 1 and 215)
Math 213	2 units
Music 10	3 units (or any major class the student is interested in)
Total	15 units

This is just a suggested plan that could be used for new high school students.

### Question: do summer units count toward the 15?

Express Enrollment dates are Aug 9 (OUSD) + Aug 16 for all students. There maybe an August 17th online express enrollment event but we will update everyone once we know for sure.

Summer degree petition submission dates begin 6/3 and end 6/27. Late petitions will not be accepted.

Students should take Math 1 before Math 50 if a student needs these preqs for Math 3A. This is the *recommended* order from the math department but is not a requirement.

Please provide the chairs with an update to where you are in the adjunct evaluation process if you are evaluating someone this semester.

LAO Center is closing December 31- They are still hoping to continue teaching classes there like Laney College, but are unsure. The classes which are taught there might come back to campus. The chairs will ask the dean about the summer bridge class.

Program review will be done through curriqunet not as a pdf document in the fall.

Division 2 dean should be announced at the end of April

Permission numbers might be changing. Issuing numbers would start the second week of school versus the first week. Will be less of a roadblock for students trying to track down instructors. Would auto enroll students from the waitlist the first week.

General Counselors- your fall schedule is needed

### **Counseling Cautions:**

Remember, we cannot cherry pick which years of GE and major sheets we use. We must be consistent with using the same academic year for both. This seems to be happening most with the Social and Behavioral Sciences degree. Do not use the current GE 23-24 sheet with an older major sheet (say 19-20). Make sure your GE sheet is the same catalog year as the major requirements.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Dr. Demond Simmons

Program updates:

**Paramedic program** is scheduled to launch Spring 2025. Typically a program would cost \$15-20K so our program will be a cost savings for students. This program will have a certificate (4 classes) and a degree. Four classes are didactic and lab, clinical and field experience. The curriculum is the same across the United States.

If a student is interested in becoming a **FireFighter**, the first step is to get an EMT license. EMT 211 is the course we should recommend they take. Having an EMT license is a minimum requirement to enroll in a Paramedic program.

Half of the students who enroll in EMT 211 are interested in becoming a firefighter.

Others are interested in Nursing or Premed.

Fire Technology has courses EMT 211, 6 core, and a capstone which is firefighter academy.

For the firefighter academy, students with a bachelors or associates degree and EMT 211, may be eligible for fire academy and can then go back and do the core fire science courses. Students without a degree may also be allowed in if space is available. Have students email Demond prior to the class to see if this is an option.

Completing EMT 211 and passing the licensing exam does provide students with increased job opportunities to work in Oakland and SF.

Firefighter job outlook: promising. Demond has not known a student to not get a job as long as they stayed with it. It may have taken some a few years, but they got a job. If they stay committed, they will get hired.

All instructors are former or current firefighters.

Question: Can we make the FISCO classes transferable?

Answer: This is something the department can look at.

Question: Do EMT prereqs need to be completed before the first day of class.

Answer: Technically yes but in practice CPR is required by the last day to add the class. Online CPR classes are not acceptable. CPR can be taken anywhere. First aid is NOT needed.

Question: What supplies are required for the fire academy?

Answer: \$200-300 uniform and steel toe boots. Also, renting the firefighter gear costs about \$500. The total cost is around \$2000. Students may be assisted with the uniform cost by the Oakland Black FireFighters and their affiliated union.

Having a Paramedic degree or certificate is more important than earning an AS in Fire Science so that students can get an application to compete in the civil service process.

For entry level firefighter positions, a bachelors degree is not required. For promotions, a bachelors degree is required.

Demond can be reached by using [dmondsimmons@yahoo.com](mailto:dmondsimmons@yahoo.com) or his peralta email address ([dsimmons@peralta.edu](mailto:dsimmons@peralta.edu)).

Demond does not want students to be hand held. He prefers to give them assignments to call or follow up with him directly.

If a student earns an EMT certificate from another institution that does not grant units, we as counselors will have to be creative when they petition for an AS in Fire Technology because those six units (from EMT 211) will be missing. Look for other classes that will meet the spirit of the class requirement to substitute in units.

## **Program & Committee Updates:**

### **Career:**

- We are partnering with Insight Housing again for the Spring 2024 career fair which will take place on Wednesday May 1 from 10am-2pm. A flier will be created in April to share out. Please encourage your students to come and Sara will send an extra credit assignment.
- We also are finalizing a contract with Handshake to make them our job board. Should be effective April 1, but Sara will send an email once the contract is signed. Sara will have to work with IT to upload student emails and access, but will keep us posted. We are no longer using CCN.
- Career center website is also updated with new employment and internship opportunities.

### **Transfer:**

**Merritt College Transfer Day is on Wednesday, Oct 9, 2024.** Time will be 10 am - 12 noon but this does not include pre - start at 8:00 am and lunch through 1:00 pm. Please encourage your students to come and complete an extra credit assignment

### **Puente:**

The Cesar Chavez event was successful. Speaker was good.  
April 17th, Puente students will go to CSUMB for a full day.

### **FYE:**

April 11th FYE students will go to St. Marys and UCB. They will leave campus at 8:30am and return about 5pm. Non FYE students may attend if space is available (1-2 students).

Friday Rosa will be going to Skyline HS to do outreach (table). Edwin will come as well. If anyone wants to come, please let Rosa know.

### **Financial Aid specialist breakdown by student last name as of now:**

A-D Antonia

E-H Pauline

I-L Alyson

M-Q Stephanie

R-U Sahra

V-Z Sylvia

### **Announcements:**

Chdev 55A: there is a link to a google form which is needed to enroll. Read the description in the course notes and complete the google form which goes to the dept

chair. Just because 55A says “closed” does not mean a student cannot take the class. Students must have the prereqs. Completed and complete the form.

Reminder: Transfer acceptance list is on the counselor website. Please enter all students who are accepted into a university.