

Student suggestions for information exchange and enhanced communication on campus

Orientations (Anyone can get one)

All students have Peralta.edu emails

Teachers give handouts to students about safety issues/ crimes

Connection/ collaboration between campus community media

Phone in each classroom

Speakers in each classroom

Campus map (more signs) (hard copies with disability access)

Student information center that cares & with correct, up-to-date info.

Who are the board of Trustees? & How do we communicate with them?

Bring in outsiders (consultants) to improve student conditions

How do we form a student committee?

Peralta.edu email for all students

Signs on campus, so first time you enter, you know where to go

Information kiosks (at several different locations)

Large posters with information for students (activities) (counselors)

Leaflets of info. to pass out to students (activities) (counselors)

Students have newspaper/ newsletter

Electronic banner (every area, including entrances)

PA system/ Radio station

Properly trained staff (informed staff)

President's speech (once a month)

State of Merritt address (each semester)

More informed staff, Merritt squad to pass out papers (PD.?? people to inform)

Media liaison (student media rep.)

Info. rally (run by collab. of students plus ??)

More info. boards placed around campus

Student suggestions to make students feel more empowered

Ask students for changes/ improvement

Stronger support for student government (Faculty advisors, space, funds)

Awareness/ info. Re: student government

Stronger student government

Scheduled time for student to talk/ rally for change

Improve ability to speak about/ make changes on health issues

Quad to gather for students

More student-centered activities

More student-initiated activities

More smart classrooms

More affordable technology, including copiers'

Campus tours (by students?)

Incentives for student participation in campus activities

Student suggestions for better cooperation among students, administrators, and faculty

More interaction from admin. & faculty staff

Open door policy (deans) (vps) (president??)

Accountability for staff

Better attitude for the staff

Need more access to people in charge

Administrators should come out of their offices

Sign-ups in classrooms for town hall meetings

Issues Students would like to address, if they knew how

No posted directories

People/ staff not informed about where students should go

There is no security (one sheriff, takes off at 3 p.m.)

Don't know how to change/ improve safety issues

Questions (8 students total):

On a scale from 1-10, how helpful is the info. on Merritt.edu?--- 5,7,4,5,4,3,5, N/A

Average: 4.7

How Timely do you feel information is that comes from Merritt in any form (online, brochures, memos, etc.) --- 3,2,4,2,2,3, N/A

Average: 2.7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
At Merritt	1 st sem.	1 st sem.	1 st sem.	2 years	2 nd sem.	4 th sem.	1 st sem.	1 st sem.
FT/PT	FT	FT	FT	PT	FT	FT	FT	FT
Major	Law	Nurs	Gen Ed	Rad.	Law	Nurs	Nurs	Nurs

7 have gone to other colleges. All 7 have gone to other community colleges: 3 in Peralta. 1 has gone to CSU. 1 has gone to UC and other private colleges.

Have you ever wanted to make changes at Merritt? What are they? Do you know how you would make the change?

- Too much stuff to pay for, like copies for example. Lack of equipment. Spoke to Walter Don't know how I would make the change.
- Lack of communication between departments. Problem with my nursing application. Lack of student services. Told administration in nursing office. Did not try to change the system, but believes she would have to go to nursing department to make changes.

- Tried to resolve personal grade dispute. Spoke to dean of student services. Went to Financial Aid, they were no help. Want to change the system. Would go to the chancellor.
- Would like the discontinuance of using social security numbers as student id. Haven't tried to change the system, and don't know how to change it.
- Where to start to make changes at Merritt?
- Create a petition, form groups, get signers. Don't know who I would submit the petition to.
- No posted directories, don't know who to go to.
- Need better security.

1 person has been to orientation. They did not talk about how to make improvements or changes or how to get information.

Are you aware of student satisfaction survey? 0 aware

Have her ever been made aware of the results? 0 made aware

Do you feel you've had any collaboration between yourself and staff?

Had collaboration in Morales' class re instruments

Do you know how to get information on committees?

2 people aware but not involved.

5 don't know where to go

Do you feel informed about what is going on at Merritt?

All 8 said no

Do you feel you get regular communications from the president or office of instruction?

All 8 said no

Do you feel you get regular communications regarding health or safety issues on campus?

All 8 said no

Do you know how many crimes have taken place at Merritt?

All 8 said no

What Health and Safety issues do you feel you were not informed about?

Sexual assault in building on campus. Only know about it because was in close proximity to police activity.

Do you know how the blue light system works?

All 8 said no

Are you aware of student handbook?

1 yes

7 no

5 of 8 know how to get info on website.

“I feel discouraged. Just always keep your eyes open. I’m not getting any answers.”

6 others indicated that they feel the same way. 7 of 8 feel staff is unresponsive.