Mt. San Antonio College Retention and Persistence Committee - Minutes

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Regrets:

Attending:

	Торіс	Discussion	Outcome
1.	 Welcome and Review agenda topic Review and Approve April 26, 2022, meeting minutes 	 Patty asked if there were changes or additions to the agenda. 	 No changes to the agenda April 26, 2022, meeting minutes approved, as written.
	• Purpose and Function	 Patty shared with the committee the Retention and Persistence, Purpose & Function to review: Purpose section stated: The purpose of the Retention and Persistence Committee is to make recommendations on the planning and coordination of programs, services, and interventions with support of student retention. In reviewing the P&F, this would be an excellent way to end the academic year. During the year, the R&P invited guests who shared their presentations, data was provided at meetings and had several discussions around the data. 	 P&F corrections: Adjustments to P&F, #2 and #6 paragraph. It was said this P&F was not the most up-to-date sheet. The most current sheet will be updated and posted to the R&P website. #2 paragraph adding the word maybe in the sentence. #6 paragraph remove the extra and in the second sentence.

 Drafting a list of recommendations 	 Patty asked the group how they would like to start drafting recommendations to support student success on equity gaps. Next steps? Should the committee work as a group? Patty shared how James Reed's presentation from the April 26, 2022, meeting: "Pathways to Success: Black Males' Exploration of a Pathway Towards Completion" had several topic ideas. The committee members were assigned two breakout rooms to begin working on drafting a list of recommendations. The committee members who were most familiar with the Instruction department met in breakout room #1and members familiar with Student Services met in breakout room #2 As part of the breakout session, it was suggested we review the "Vision for Success Diversity Equity and Inclusion Task Force" from the Chancellor's office. This document provides ideas for recommendations. 	 Clarification and recommendation? Recommendations will be presented to SPEAC and SPEAC can provide suggestions for the next steps. Breakout room discussion and suggestions: Team #1 – Instruction: J. Cortez provided her takeaways below on the zoom chat. Pedagogical choices/classroom choices Self-Advocacy: (Tutors, office hours, outside support, Access) Building community Policies: changing grading, practices, syllabus language, evaluation process Community of Practice: "equity minded" = revise the structure of class, provide assistance early of students, mind frame of asking for "help" "Mastery Grading" growth mindset" "code switching' Team #2 – Student Services: P. Quinones said the campus provides support services for students; some students are unsure of safe spaces. Students of color know of these services exist, but they do not feel the connection. The "Vision for Success" information was reviewed in team #2 breakout room. Instruction and Student Services should collaborate and discuss what they are doing to help support students.
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	Other recommendations: • Writing classes provide student portfolios; they take students to the writing center for orientation, provide workshops, money management, and a scavenger hunt. These services are helping students get over the fear of the unknown.
	Committee members agreed the breakout rooms were helpful, as they were able to share ideas. This discussion will continue at future meetings.

Issue Bin/Future Agenda:

Future Meetings: May 24, 2022