



**Mt. San Antonio College**  
**GPS Pathways to Success (GPS)**  
**Cross Council Committee**  
**Minutes | March 18, 2025 | 3:30pm-5:00pm**

<b>Sylvia Ruano</b> (Dean of Instruction) (Tri-Chair)		<b>Michael Carr</b> (Director Academic Technology)	x	<b>Patty Quiñones</b> (Director, RIE)	x	<b>Vacant</b> (Faculty-at-Large)	
<b>Michelle Nava</b> (GPS Counseling Faculty Co-Coordinator) (Tri-Chair)	x	<b>Chris Jackson</b> (Faculty Outcomes Co-Coordinator)	x	<b>Tannia Robles</b> (VPSS Designee)		<b>Vacant</b> (Faculty-at-large)	
<b>Elmer Rodriguez</b> (GPS Counseling Faculty Co-Coordinator) (Tri-Chair)	x	<b>Francisco Dorame</b> (Dean of Counseling)	x	<b>Michelle Sampat</b> (Dean, Business)		<b>Vacant</b> (Student Representative)	
<b>Tania Anders</b> (Academic Senate President) For Term	x	<b>Diana Lupercio</b> (Vice President, SCE or Designee)	x	<b>Lizbet Sanchez</b> (FPDC Coordinator)	x		
<b>Naomi Avila</b> (Noncredit Faculty)		<b>Stacie Nakamatsu</b> (GPS Mapping Coordinator)	x	<b>Renu Katoch</b> (Faculty-at-large)	x		
<b>Denise Bailey</b> Dean of Natural Sciences (Instructional Manager-at-large appointed by VPI)		<b>Romelia Salinas</b> (Dean, Library & Learning Resources)		<b>Vacant</b> (Faculty-at-large)		<i>Recorder Lisa Jackson</i>	x

Topic	Time	Discussion/Action Item
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	3:30 pm	•
<b>2. Review of the Agenda</b> (Elmer & Michelle)	3:40 pm	•
<b>3. Review/Approval of <a href="#">November 19, 2024 Minutes</a></b>	3:45 pm	• Motion to approve by Tri-Chair Ruano. L. Sanchez moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by F. Dorame. By a show of hands, all were in favor of approving.
<b>4. Membership/Vacancies</b> (Elmer and Michelle)	3:50 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Jackson joined the committee as the Faculty Outcomes Co-Coordinator.</li> <li>• T. Anders inquired about reducing membership. She will follow up with an email to faculty notifying them of the vacancies.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are currently three faculty-at-large vacancies.</li> <li>○ Discussed appointing library faculty, Jane Nazzal (AB928) to a one-year term.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F. Dorame reminded the committee about the discussion to replace T. Robles as the VPSS Designee with Associate Dean of Dual Enrollment Ed Henderson.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. New GPS <a href="#">Grant Recipients</a></b> (Elmer and Michelle)</p>	<p>4:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tri-Chairs reviewed the mini-grant applications over the winter intersession.</li> <li>• Twenty funding requests were received. Ten projects were funded for a total of \$419,787. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Projects funded include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Short Term Vocation Students Fund</li> <li>2. Counseling</li> <li>3. Calculus Community of Practice</li> <li>4. StrengthsFinder/STEP</li> <li>5. STEM</li> <li>6. VR for Mental Health</li> <li>7. Career Exploration</li> <li>8. Geotech Certificate</li> <li>9. Anatomy Models</li> <li>10. UDL English</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Up to \$50k was available per project submission.</li> <li>• There is approximately \$155,000 left in the budget.</li> <li>• Recipients will have one year to spend the funds. The spending deadline is June 30, 2026, or sooner, depending on fiscal deadlines.</li> <li>• Short Term Vocational (STV) funding from the first round was used to assist students with supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students were grateful for the assistance provided to them to help with program completion.</li> <li>○ Students were especially thankful for the health program supplies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Feedback was not received from those whose projects were not selected. Funding may be available for specialized projects from Strong Workforce.</li> <li>• Tania A. stated that the projects look amazing, and she is elated that we can support faculty. Since GPS funding has ended and spending deadlines are in place, she inquired about closing the loop and wrapping everything up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is the committee able to provide guidance on how to do that?</li> <li>○ How do we get to the point of showing the campus community how we are institutionalized?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elmer R. affirmed that this is why we are intentional about what we are doing and that a final report will be submitted to the Chancellor's Office.</li> <li>• Patty Q. said that she would like to see some of these things go into the book and that it could be marketed to increase student retention.</li> <li>• A celebration day would be an excellent opportunity to showcase the work that has been done.</li> <li>• The committee reviewed a mini-grant-funded project submitted by the <a href="#">Library</a>. Once projects have been completed, they will be shared with the group.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Part of the goal of GPS is to have something tangible to show how GPS has made a difference.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Mapping &amp; Catalog Update</b> (Stacie)	4:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Irene and Lannibeth have been working on the changes.</li> <li>● Dummy CAL-GTSY reports have been created so that work can begin now versus waiting until May. We are in a holding pattern right now.</li> <li>● Elmer thanked Stacy for her hard work and commended her for quickly creating the maps and getting them ready.</li> <li>● Discussed the mapper role continuing beyond this committee because we use them every day with students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is it possible to have some funding set aside for that person to continue?</li> <li>○ It is funded through GPS, and an Appendix E request would have to be submitted.</li> <li>○ AB705 Coordinators were lost, but we gained a senate liaison in the process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Stacie will send the Mapping Coordinator job description to Elmer. This position is crucial for the college going forward and helps us across the board.</li> <li>● Francisco shared that Appendix E allows for certain divisions to apply certain years. The process can bottleneck with too many submissions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More are denied than approved. It was more difficult for the Faculty Association to vet the process so it they started processing by Divisions and that process was more workable.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>7. Final Report from Library</b>	4:30 pm	 <p>GPS Project 14. Mid-term Report (1).p</p>
<b>8. Future Meetings/Announcements</b> (Elmer & Michelle)	4:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● At our last meeting, there was discussion about “Major Declaration Day” and now the name has shifted to <i>Major Day</i> and scheduled for <b>April 8, 2025, 11am to 2pm</b>. The event will be held adjacent to the student center on Miracle Mile. Programs and counseling will be available for students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There will be a launch pad and resources available with opportunities for students to declare a major.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● An invitation will be sent campus-wide by the end of the week.</li> <li>● The SEAP plan is due in November. They would like to have a GPS Coordinator attend. Michelle Nava volunteered to participate in this group.</li> <li>● Diana L. added that STV Counselors are updating the nursing guides. These updates will provide a clearer vision of the pathway.</li> <li>● Currently, a volunteer is working on the how-to guides. This assistance will be available through the end of the grant.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Adjournment/Closing Thoughts</b>	4:55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>

<u>Ongoing Topics</u>		
<b>10. Parking Lot: Upcoming Items</b>		

**Future Meetings: April 15 and May 20**