Mt. San Antonio College Retention and Persistence Committee - Minutes *Attending:*

√	Patty Quinones (Co-Chair)		Sun Ezzell	√	Gizelle Ponzillo		
√	Shiloh Blacksher (Co-Chair)	√	Hong Guo	√	Carlos Santana		
√	Haneen Aguilar	√	LaTesha Hagler	✓	Ned Weidner		
√	David Beydler	√	Lesley Johnson		Jaime Rodriguez (Guest)		
✓	Elizabeth Casian	√	Jasmine McLeod	√	Susan Wright		
√	Julie Cortez	√	Sara Mestas	√	Tiffany Kuo (Guest)	√	Doris Torres (Recorder)

Date: September 28, 2021

	Topic Discussion		Outcome
1.	 Welcome, Announcements 	 Susan Wright announced she has submitted a course on Building Resilience for Student Success, based on positive education & Positive Phycology Principles. Julie Cortez announced she is working with ACCESS specialist on a series of Time Management Workshops for all students. 	Time Management Workshops will be taking place on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 1:00pm, in Building 9B.
2.	 Review and Approve Minutes 	 Committee viewed minutes with a motion to approve. Committee is aware of minor changes to 5.25.21 meeting minutes. 	September 14, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by committee. Click to view R&P Minutes 9.14.21 Click to view minor changes to 5.25.21 meeting minutes.
3.	 Discussion on: 2021 Data Literacy Newsletter (Tiffany & Ned) 	 Tiffany Kuo and Ned Weidner shared and discussed in detail the 2021 Data Literacy Newsletter on Quantifying the Equity Gap, Quantifying Race & Ethnicity Gaps at Mt. SAC, and Now What Do I Do? The committee discussed 2021 Data Literacy Newsletter and shared their thoughts. 	 Additional newsletter lookup: Newsletter lookup is also located on RIE Dashboards Launch Page Click Link Tiffany's contact information: For questions or newsletter improvement, contact Tiffany at tkuo14@mtsac.edu Data Office hours: Thursday 3-4pm. Zoom link on newsletter
4.	Decline of male enrollment at community colleges (Patty)	 Patty met with Meghan Chen. They both noticed there has been a decline of full time male students within the College. Meghan would like the committee to discuss and research the reason for this decline. 	Patty will be sharing the document with the group.

		 The committee shared how this is happening nationwide and how several students had to drop classes because of their job schedules or increase in work hours. Ned shared information link below: The Atlantic – Colleges Have a Guy Problem. A recent viral news story reported that a generation of young men is abandoning college. The pattern has deep roots. https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/09/youngmen-college-decline-gender-gap-higher-education/620066/ 	
5.	Partnering with Guided Pathways Committee on exploring Resistance & Persistence issues on Research Topics	 Shiloh's discussion on equity gaps. As a College, how can we improve and better understand the needs of the students? Suggestions/Concerns: What is working for students? What are roadblocks for students? Possibly survey students from other backgrounds to understanding their needs. Shiloh suggested to help with these concerns. Marcell Gilmore from the Research Department has worked on student voices and should be invited to the next R&P meeting so he can share his project. 	 Marcell Gilmore will be invited as a guest to the next R&P meeting on October 12th, 2021 to discuss and share student voices project. Shiloh will also send out information on things she has been working on for the next year.
6.	• Other:	•	•

Issue Bin/Future Agenda: Marcell Gilmore discussion on Student Voices.

Future Meeting: October 12th, 26th. November 9th, 23rd