

**Mt. San Antonio College  
Retention and Persistence Committee**

**Minutes**  
October 27, 2020  
3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

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| ✓                                   | Jeanne Marie Velickovic<br>(Co-Chair) | ✓ | Elizabeth Casian | ✓   | Sara Mestas             |  |  |  |                            |
| ✓                                   | Shiloh Blacksher (Co-Chair)           | ✓ | Julie Cortez     | ✓   | Gizelle Ponzillo        |  |  |  |                            |
| ✓                                   | Haneen Aguilar                        | ✓ | Sun Ezzell       |   | Jaime Rodriguez (Guest) |  |  |  |                            |
| ✓                                   | Daniel Berumen                        | ✓ | Hong Guo         |   | Ned Weidner             |  |  |  |                            |
| ✓                                   | David Beydler                         | ✓ | Lesley Johnson   | ✓   | Susan Wright            |  |  |  | Vianey Arenas,<br>Recorder |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>                  |                                       |   |                  | <b>Discussion</b>   |                         |  |  | <b>Outcome</b>   |                            |
| <b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b> |                                       |   |                  | Jeanne Marie welcomed everyone, after which committee members introduced themselves briefly.  |                         |  |  |  |                            |
| <b>2. Discussion</b>                |                                       |   |                  | Committee members participated in an interactive board activity to provide and discuss their definitions of retention, persistence and success, as well as obstacles that students face in achieving their goals. Members provided broad definitions that take into account the diversity of students and their circumstances. The committee agreed that one should take student progress into account when looking at retention and persistence. |                         |  |  | The committee agreed that one should look at retention and persistence from a holistic perspective, taking into account student progress to achieve a particular goal (e.g., transfer or program completion) |                            |

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| <p><b>3. Review of Purpose and Functions of Committee:</b></p> | <p>Shiloh explained the background of the creation of the Retention and Persistence Committee and David explained the functioning of the Student Preparation, Equity and Achievement Council that the committee will report to. Committee members started to review to Purpose and Functions of the committee. There were various revisions to the Purpose, and Functions Statements.</p> | <p>The committee made several changes to the Purpose and Functions of the committee to include equity, highlight the importance of research and data, and refer to all students.</p> <p>Revisions of Purpose and Functions <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>At the next meeting, the committee will continue to review the Purpose and Functions of the committee, discuss one year goals and relevant data points.</p> |
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| Upcoming meeting dates: | November 10 <sup>th</sup> , November 24 <sup>th</sup> , December 8 <sup>th</sup> |
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